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Abdullah ends Jordan visit

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah left here today for Morocco after a two-day visit. During his stay here, at the invitation of King Hussein, he had talks with the Jordanian monarch and Crown Prince Hassan on latest Middle East developments and bilateral relations. The Prince said Saudi Arabia was prepared to continue producing more oil than it needs in its own development in order to keep the oil economy moving.

He said in an interview in the newspaper *Al-Ra'i* that Saudi Arabia's oil policy was based on three principles: to keep the world economy going, to fight inflation and to prevent the disintegration of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"To keep the world economy going, Saudi Arabia believes it should produce more oil than is needed for its development programs, as the world, in this age of technology, cannot endure an economic crisis," the prince was quoted as saying.

Saud continues Arab tour

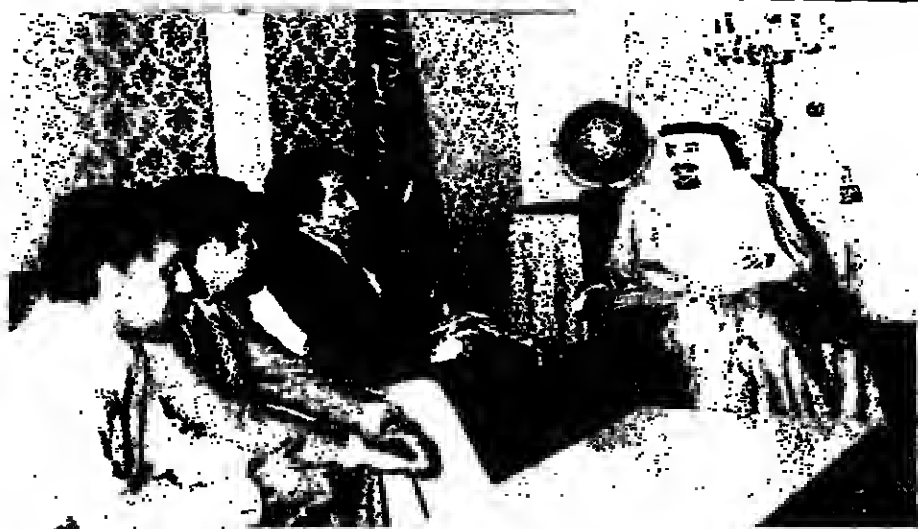
DAMASCUS, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — Reign Minister Saud Al-Faisal Monday delivered a message from King Khaled to Syrian President Hafez Assad. The Prince arrived here from Baghdad where he also delivered another message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The messages dealt with the coordination and alignment of Arab stands in the light of current circumstances. His trip is part of Saudi Arabian efforts to build a concerted approach to the summit which begins on Nov. 20.

In a statement to reporters before leaving Baghdad, Prince Saud said President Saddam Hussein wanted to forge greater Arab solidarity at the summit.

Prince Saud told reporters at Baghdad airport, "the letter deals with coordination between Iraq and Saudi Arabia of the stand which serves national interests and supports Arab steadfastness." The foreign minister expressed the hope that the forthcoming Arab summit conference in Tunis will solidify the unity of Arab states opposed to the Israel-Egyptian peace treaty.



CHAIRS MEETING : Crown Prince Fahd Monday presiding over at cabinet meeting in Jeddah



MEETS MISSION : King Khaled Monday receives the Libyan pilgrim mission led by Libyan Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Ahmed Fawzi Hilal bin Faid.

Salam on South Lebanon PLO's help needed now

By Elias Haddad

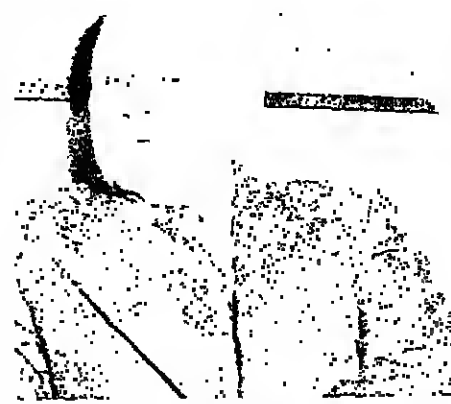
JEDDAH, Nov. 12 — A prominent Lebanese Muslim politician Monday urged the Palestine Liberation Organization to cooperate with Lebanese government plans for bringing peace to the country's ravaged South.

Former Prime Minister Saeb Salam told *Arab News* in an interview here that the PLO should "help normalize the situation in the South."

The current Lebanese government is not able to do the job on its own, Salam said, and it needs the cooperation of the sizable PLO forces in the South in order to bring peace to the area.

The government in recent weeks has asked that the PLO allow units of the reconstituted Lebanese Army free access through all areas of the South, and has urged the organization to use its influence to quiet down the situation.

Salam, who has served as prime minister several times, and has long-time links to Saudi Arabia, was one of the few Muslim



INTERVIEW: Former Lebanese Premier Saeb Salam during an interview at his Sheraton suite in Jeddah.

leaders in Lebanon not to form a private militia during the civil war of 1975-76. Speaking here during a visit to renew contacts with the Kingdom's leaders, he lauded the recognition the Palestinian cause has won in the world recently.

"Palestine continues to be our first cause, and it delights us that it has reached a world position," he said, adding that it was in the organization's interest to help control the situation in the South.

A united Arab and Palestinian position on the South would be a guarantee against Israeli aggression there, the former prime minister said.

"The PLO and the Arab leaders should come up with such a position at the Tunis summit later this month," he urged. Arab League heads of state are due to meet in Tunis Nov. 20 to begin discussions on the Lebanese issue and other Arab concerns.

He said he hoped the result of the summit would be a collective Arab move to halt "a human tragedy in Southern Lebanon."

Salam said the responses given to envoys sent recently by Lebanese President Elias Sarkis to Arab capitals have convinced him that the summit has a strong chance of success.

"There is a strong consensus to work for its success," he said. Another factor boding well for the summit, he said, was the fact that Saudi Arabia had given its firm support to the move to hold the meeting in Tunis, rather than in Riyadh as had been suggested in some quarters.

"The willingness of the government of King Khaled to avoid bruising sensitivities or to claim for itself any credit coming out of successful resolution of the Lebanese question at the summit leads us to pin hopes on its success," he said.

Salam, who has received extensive Saudi aid for his large scale educational, health and social projects in Lebanon's Islamic community, praised the Kingdom's leaders for continuing to provide him aid.

He said uninterrupted Saudi support for the country's Muslims has enabled them to withstand "corrupt ideological currents storming Lebanon after the civil war."

As president of the Lebanese Islamic welfare Society (Al Makased), Salam and his group operate 47 schools in Lebanon, as well as operating various social clubs, hospitals and welfare societies for Lebanese Muslims.

"Our Islamic institutions, thanks to the support of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, have been able to consolidate the ranks of 90 per cent of the Muslim community against imported ideologies," he said.

The National Lebanese Muslim Bloc member said that political and financial support from other Arab countries — and not inter-Arab struggles inside Lebanon — are needed to help get the country back on its feet.

He asked that Arab support now going to various Lebanese political factions be directed instead toward Lebanon's reconstruction.

Finns honored

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 (SPA) — Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, deputy foreign minister for political affairs, Monday paid a courtesy visit to Finnish Foreign Minister Paavo Vayrynen at his Sheraton Hotel suite.

He was accompanied by Sheikh Salem Sumbul, the head of the Foreign Ministry Protocol. Later in the day, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the minister of petroleum and mineral resources, gave a lunch in honor of Vayrynen.

W. Bank demands freedom for mayor

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — Palestinian merchants closed their shops and students stayed out of class in the occupied West Bank Monday to protest the arrest of Nablus Mayor Bassam Shakaa.

A spokesman for the military government said youths in Ramallah, north of Jerusalem, stoned an Israeli vehicle, breaking its windshield. But no one was injured in the incident, the spokesman said.

All the stores in Ramallah and Nablus were closed, the spokesman said, and students at Bir Zeit University near Ramallah demonstrated against Shakaa's arrest.

Shakaa meanwhile lost a supreme court appeal to be freed from jail Monday as the deadline approached for mass resignations of other Palestinian leaders.

In Beirut the Palestine Liberation Organization denounced Israel Monday for arresting the mayor vowing to take action against Israel's territorial expansion motives.

"The Israelis are getting rid of Mayor Bassam al-Shakaa and other Palestinian dignitaries in order to clear the way for setting up new settlements on Arab lands," said PLO spokesman Mahmoud Labadi. "We will ask the whole world to condemn this and put an end to it."

PLO fails to free hostages

TEHRAN, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — A Palestine Liberation Organization Monday gave up any hope of negotiating for the release of nearly 100 hostages held by students at the American embassy here.

Salah Khalaf, deputy leader of the Fateh organization, denied at a press conference in Kuwait that the PLO delegation had gone to Tehran to mediate the situation, but his denial appeared to be a question of the meaning of the word.

The leader of the delegation, Brig. Saad Sayel, head of the PLO's military arm, had said that mediation means acting as an intermediary between two sides, and since the delegation was not acting at American request, it could not be said to be mediating.

However, details of the delegation's talks with Iranian authorities were relayed by PLO sources to an American peace delegation which has been stranded in Istanbul, Turkey, since last week.

At his press conference, Khalaf said that the PLO group had argued for the hostages' release, but had not been successful. The three-man group returned to Damascus late Sunday night.

"Despite the fact that we side with the Iranian revolution on any confrontation or battle and despite our high regard for the Iranian revolution, we believe America cannot be fought through occupation of its embassy but rather through a serious and radical confrontation," Khalaf said.

In Syria, Damascus radio said Monday Israeli decision was a tacit recognition of Israeli occupation authorities of the collapse of self-rule plans.

A commentary by the state-controlled radio said Arab opposition to the measure was proof of the inevitable failure of Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement and related plans for Palestinian self-rule.

Egypt also Monday strongly condemned the arrest of Shakaa and Israel's decision to build new settlements in the occupied West Bank as "an obstacle" to peace.

A foreign ministry statement said in Cairo the twin Israeli actions can only have adverse results and prove that Israel is continuing "illegal" policies in the occupied West Bank of Jordan.

It termed the Israeli actions a violation of the principles of international law and Geneva conventions that forbid geographical changes in occupied territories.

"It is the right of the Palestinian people to express their feelings and position on Israeli occupation to their land," said the statement distributed by the official Middle East News Agency. It added that the "expulsion of indigenous population and their elected representatives cannot serve positive results."

In Tehran, meanwhile, there was change in the situation of the hostages. Some 60 of them American — on Monday despite reports that the students holding hostages are split on the question of when to impose a deadline for U.S. action.

The students are demanding the extradition of the Shah of Iran, now being treated in a New York hospital, and the severing of all ties between Iran and the U.S.

The failure of the PLO effort to end seizure brought an end to the brightest hope for an early release of the hostages.

Iranian authorities led by Ayatollah Khomeini have already rejected appeals from world leaders, including Pope John Paul II and the U.N. Security Council, for the release of the prisoners.

The country's new foreign affairs supervisor, Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, a member of the country's ruling Revolutionary Council Monday called in all foreign ambassadors to the capital to urge them to work for extradition of the Shah.

STOP PRESS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter will order an end to the purchases of oil from Iran in apparent response to the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, administration sources said Monday.

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Biggest Canadian evacuation

MISSISSAUGA, Ontario, Canada, Nov. 12 (AP) — Firefighters reported Monday morning they had contained a potentially disastrous fire from chemical-laden train that derailed over the weekend and forced the biggest peacetime evacuation in Canadian history. (See related story page 14)

Authorities had urged 220,000 residents to flee a 60-square-mile from this city in Toronto's western suburbs because of the spreading smoke and fumes. Police said they believed most complied. The greatest threat was from an

upended car filled with 90 tons of liquid chlorine that lay only a few feet from some of the eight burning cars of propane gas. But by late Monday morning fire officials said the nearby cars had been coated with ice, though some flames still licked from tracks.

Poisonous chlorine was leaking slowly and vaporizing.

The remaining fires at the site were contained, said city fire chief Gordon Bentley.

It was not known when the evacuated residents might be able to return to their homes, and chemical experts said the fires could continue until Tuesday.

Eleven wounded in Negev bombs

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12 (R) — Eleven Israelis were wounded Monday when two time bombs exploded in the southern Negev town of Dimona, police said. The first blast near the desert town's post office.

Police searched the area for more explosives and spotted a suspicious package. It exploded as a sapper approached it, wounding him and 10 other people, police said.

In Damascus, Palestinian commandos said one of their men attacked an Israeli foot patrol in the Negev with a hand grenade Sunday, killing or wounding some of its members.

The Palestine News Agency Wafa quoted a spokesman as saying a commando operating from within the occupied homeland attacked the patrol while it was approaching a local market. The grenade also caused heavy material losses in some stores.

Airlines warned

DAMASCUS, Nov. 12 (AP) — The Arab Civilian Aviation Council Monday announced a boycott of all airlines using the East Jerusalem airport of Kalandia in the Israeli occupied West Bank.

The boycott will extend to a refusal of permission by Arab governments to those airlines to overfly Arab territory or land at Arab airport, the council said.

Furthermore, the aircraft of any country granting landing rights to Israeli aircraft using Kalandia airport will also be boycotted, the council said.

The council, the highest Arab civil aviation authority, has informed the International Air Transport Association (IATA) of its decision, the announcement said. The meeting, which continues for the rest of the week, is being attended by representatives from 20 Arab states.



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Naif warns pilgrim guides on abusing powers

MECCA, Nov. 12 (SPA) — Prince Minister Prince Naif has issued a sharp warning to pilgrim guides who abuse their positions, neglecting the guides, or *mutawifin*.

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Iema, sheikhs

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 (SPA) — Prince Khaled Monday received the *mutawifin*, sheikhs and tribal leaders, as customary every Monday.

fin, here Sunday, he reminded them that they were not engaged in a commercial activity. Their task was to serve pilgrims, and they should not take more money for that service than the pilgrim can afford.

Prince Naif was accompanied by Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie, who expressed his appreciation for the "perfect cooperation" between his

ministry and Prince Naif's in serving pilgrims.

Mutawifin have come under attack in several quarters this year for allegedly failing to fulfil their responsibility towards their pilgrims and for overcharging. It is their duty to help the pilgrims in their groups to master the ritual of the Pilgrimage, and to make sure the pilgrims are adequately cared for, housed and fed and put on their way home.

Before the Pilgrimage warnings were issued of suspension of any guide conspicuously neglecting this duty, and Deputy Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Abdullah Bouqas recently said that by next year's Pilgrimage guides will be organized collectively rather than individually, in an attempt to stamp out abuses of the system. An experiment was made in collective organization of guides for European and American pilgrims, and it was pronounced a success.

Prince Naif said Saudi Arabia was honored to serve the pilgrims and had a great responsibility towards them. The *mutawifin* had a great role to play in the service of pilgrims and that all the projects carried out by the government aimed at making it easy for the pilgrims and the *mutawifin* to do their duty.

He told the *mutawifin* that they should realize the importance of their duty and that their job was primarily attached to a religious rite and not a purely commercial one.

He talked about the new organization that will be formed next year for the *mutawifin* and urged them to cooperate fully to make it a success.

Speaking about Interior Ministry efforts during the Pilgrimage

he said there might have been some mistakes but that one should view the collective efforts of the entire force to evaluate its success.

A special committee will be formed to find out why some *mutawifin* failed in their duties and caused a few pilgrims to get lost or to sleep in the open.

He called on the *mutawifin* to cooperate with the ministry to ensure that no pilgrims indulge in political activities or disturb the peace of the country and that of the pilgrims.

Any suggestions that aim at the public good should be submitted to him at all times, and he is willing to hear them.

It was meanwhile announced Monday that 150,000 pilgrims had left the Kingdom through Jeddah airport by Sunday at the rate of 26,000 a day.

The Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments said that the pilgrims were going as soon as possible, as planned by the ministry. Officials were very strict on people taking scheduled reservations to prevent any pilgrim, whether he came by air, by sea or by road, stay behind.

He said that *mutawifin* had to get their groups to the airport 36 hours before their flight and to Jeddah port ideally 72 hours or at least 48 hours before their sailing time.

Daily New York flights planned for next month

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 — Saudi is to fly a daily non-stop jumbo service to New York from Dhahran. Two flights a week will continue to Houston.

SPA said Monday that the service will start next month. At the moment four direct flights to New York a week are operated by Saudia.

Al-Jezira Monday meanwhile quoted officials in Riyadh as saying that foreign airlines may be allowed to serve the capital once its new airport is built. Bilateral agreements now restrict all foreign firms from flying to anywhere in the Kingdom but Jeddah and Dhahran.

If it is found to be in Saudi's interests, the official said, the

agreements may be renewed.

The paper also reported that the General Presidency for Civil Aviation has handed over supervision of work on the new airport directly to the Ministry of Defense and Aviation. The presidency is an agency of the ministry, and the paper did not say why the move had been made.

Table tennis team triumphs

BAGHDAD, Nov. 12 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's table tennis team has won the Second Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Junior Championship. It beat the Iraqi B team in the final Sunday. The North Yemeni team came third.



OPENING: Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz Sunday opened the new building of the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah (above). Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, the bank's president, addressed the ceremony (below left), as did Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil (below right).



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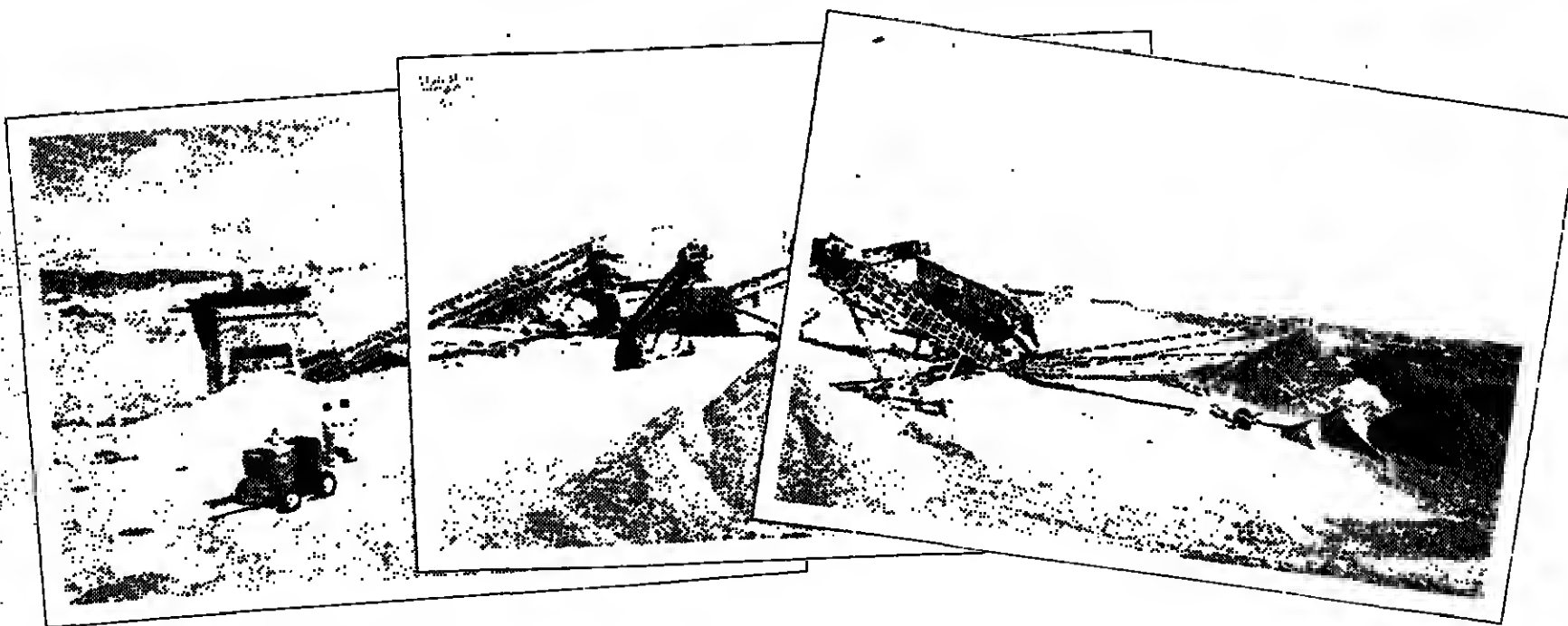
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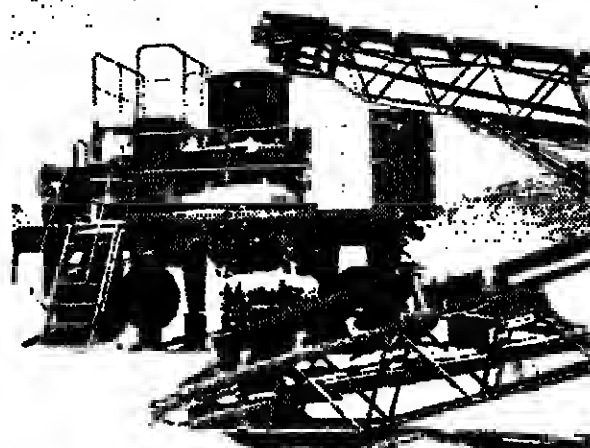
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Angari to attend labor talks

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 — Labor Social Affairs Minister Abdulheikh Ibrahim Al-Angari will represent the Kingdom at the conference of Arab labor and social affairs ministers in Rabat next month. He will submit a paper on the agenda made by Saudi Arabia. The agenda includes approval of the general Arab strategy for development, following up on previous resolutions and Arab plans for International Women's Year. The ministers will also discuss a conference for 1981's International Conference on the Handicapped. Angari will be accompanied by a number of senior officials. PA reported Monday that the Kingdom will take part in the Tuto Primary School Conference next week under the auspices of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization. The Kingdom's delegation will be led by Dr. Said Atieh Abu Ali.

director of education at the Eastern Province. He told reporters that the conference will discuss education in small towns and villages and the Islamization of schools, as well as the training of tutors.

Meanwhile, Al-Riyadh said Monday that a team of five experts from the United Nations Development Program has arrived in Riyadh for a week's visit. They will hold talks with members of the Technical Cooperation Committee of the Council of Ministers and experts from various ministries about U.N. assistance to certain programs.

100 families evacuated in Jeddah store blaze

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 — A fierce fire that broke out at midnight in the Qurayat area here forced the evacuation of 100 families. It took Civil Defense teams several hours to bring it under control, despite reinforcements arriving from the General Presidency of Civil Aviation.

Al-Medina reported Monday

that flames shot up over 50 meters into the air. The fire broke out in a flour warehouse owned by Hassan Sharbatly. The flour helped flames spread. The danger of the warehouse collapsing prevented firefighters entering the building to fight the fire at its source, and several were taken to hospital after being overcome by smoke.

The cause of the fire, which occurred recently, is still unknown. Lt. Col. Ahmad Badr, the director of Civil Defense in Jeddah, has submitted an urgent report on the hazard the fire posed, emphasizing that it was not the first to have broken out in the same warehouse.

In five months

29 die on Riyadh roads

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 — In the five months 129 persons have been killed on roads in and around Riyadh.

Al-Jezrah Monday quoted Shafi Al-Qahtani, head of the Accidents Division of the Traffic Department, as saying that 2,713 accidents occurred in the period. They resulted in

the injury of 1,089 persons, although 11,881 of those involved escaped unhurt. Foreigners were responsible for 43 per cent of the accidents. Of the total, 2,564 were inside Riyadh itself.

Ramadan was the safest month. Only 470 accidents happened, 17 deaths and 266 injuries.

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It will remain moderate in most parts and fine in the western and south-western highlands. There will be a slight increase in temperature in the northern region.

Low cloud will cover the western and south-western highlands. Winds will be moderate and southerly occasionally active in the northern and central regions, causing sand haze.

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UNDER FIRE: Hilal's Brazilian star Roberto Rivelino. The Saudi football Federation is to meet Tuesday to consider disciplinary action for his alleged unsportsmanlike behavior.

Alleged unsportsmanlike behavior

Soccer body to study Rivelino case

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 — The Saudi Football Federation will meet Tuesday in Riyadh to decide whether to take action against Roberto Rivelino, the Brazilian football star playing for Riyadh's Hilal.

Meanwhile, newspapers in Riyadh continued to defend Rivelino. Al-Jezrah said the controversy over the player revealed the backwardness of the Saudi Arabian sports press.

Turki Al-Naser Al-Sudairi said

in a commentary in Al-Riyadh that articles by foreign writers in the local press sought only to achieve their own interests.

Sudairi said everybody was waiting for good news from the meeting of the Saudi Football Federation. He called on Prince Faisal bin Fahd, the president of Youth Welfare, to put an end to rumors of action.

In a statement to Ashraq Al-Awsat, Abdul Rahman Al-Daham, the chairman of the Muin

Referees Committee, said that if the argument was over Rivelino's behavior in the controversial match with Al-Qadisiya, then it was the responsibility of the referee of the match.

The referee, Abdullah Al-Baser, gave Rivelino the yellow card.

Daham added that the committee has no authority to punish the player, halting rumors about possible disciplinary action by the committee.

He went on that Rivelino's being banned depends on the decision of the Saudi Football Federation over Hilal's debts to the international football federation. FIFA has complained the federation because of its failure to pay the remaining money owed Rivelino's former club for his purchase.

The Saudi federation has warned Hilal that it will stop Rivelino if it does not pay.

Rivelino has been attacked bitterly by certain local newspapers. In a strong article last week, Said Al-Hijazi said in Al-Medina that "we have wasted a lot of money on this player just to see his antics and play-acting."

Referring to Hilal's match against Qadisiya of Dammam at Malaz Stadium last month, he asked the federation to act "with its usual firmness to stamp out provocations and preserve order."

Saihat compensation paid

E. Province school contracts let

DAMMAM, Nov. 12 (SPA) — The Ministry of Education has awarded contracts for school building in the Eastern Province to local firms.

Regional Director of Education Dr. Said Atiyah Abu Aali said that the projects include buildings for the summer camp in Dammam and primary schools in Harad, Rawda ibn Shuraim and Rawda ibn Abbas.

In Saihat, the municipality of Saihat has paid SR10.3 million in compensation for expropriation for state projects.

According to Mayor Ahmad Al-Issa, the municipality has formed a committee to discuss payment of compensation for

properties demolished in Anak and on King Faisal and King

Khaled Roads in Saihat.

It was also reported Monday that the foundation stone will be laid next month for Abha's SR100 million resort city. It will be completed in four years, supervised by

four international firms.

The project will cover 25 square kilometers. It has gardens, tourist hotels and other public services.

The Ministry of Agriculture has begun work on a similar project in the area, worth SR90 million, according to Al-Medina.

Qasim manhunt traps slayer

JEDDAH, Nov. 12 — A killer has been arrested after a four-day manhunt by Qasim Police. He confessed to killing a relative by shooting him in the head.

The man, Masood Mishal Al-Harabadi shot Najer Barjis Al-Harabadi on the Unaizah to Badae road near Busumiyah. Heret

his car alight and escaped to Qatir, a nearby village. Al-Medina said Monday.

Passers-by saw the fire, and found the body near the car. The police found that the man had been shot several times in the head. After the search and arrest Masood confessed his crime to the Sharjah court in Baraidah.

Saudi Comment

By Arnan Kamel Saleh

Al-Medina

Protection of the Saudi Arabian contractor is necessary. Despite legislation to help the Saudi Arabian contractor, very few Saudis can find medium and big government contracts or profit from such legislation.

The flaw is at the level of junior officials. Bid evaluation committees and foreign consulting firms.

We have to admit that the Saudi Arabian contractor cannot possibly compete with Korean entrepreneurs in pricing. The Korean is supported by his government with very cheap labor, abundant material and large banking facilities which he can count upon when progress payments don't come in time, common in the business.

The Saudi Arabian contractor has to depend on imported labor. Though highly qualified, they cost a lot. Such foreign labor, even when from Egypt, Pakistan, Korea or even the Philippines, costs the Saudi Arabian entrepreneur much more than the workers hired by the Korean contractor cost him.

It is for those reasons that the price offered by the Saudi Arabian contractor is no match for that offered by his Korean counterpart. That is as far as prices are concerned. As for the technical aspect, many Saudi Arabian contracting firms are systematically not allowed to be technically deficient. However, such technical deficiency would be remedied simply if the foreign consultancy firms were called upon to help Saudi Arabian firms make up for any deficiency by identifying it and recommending the proper and practical treatment, instead of merely saying such firm pre-qualifies and such firm does not pre-qualify.

This is not asking too much. No less a firm than Aramco decided that its interest, despite its being a foreign firm lay in training Saudi contractors, merchants and farmers in the Eastern Province. So it backed a number of Saudi businessmen who became great stars, not only in the Eastern Province but throughout Saudi Arabia.

It is regrettable that scores of national firms are competing for state projects of SR1 million to SR10 million or accepting sub-contracting contracts from foreign firms in a desperate attempt to hold their own. It is regrettable that such firms do not profit from the construction boom.

By Rashed Al-Hamdan

Al-Jezrah

According to reports, Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Education has made commendable progress in fighting illiteracy. Although the ministry makes extensive efforts, I believe there are also some other ways of combating this ill, as the mere eradication of illiteracy cannot achieve the high objective of making people understand values and events and what mankind is called upon to do in his environment.

Mass enlightenment can easily come through television in showing plays as well as other programs on customs and traditions. Ministries frame regulations which can be brought home to many through television either by presenting some drama or play or simply explaining them in detail.

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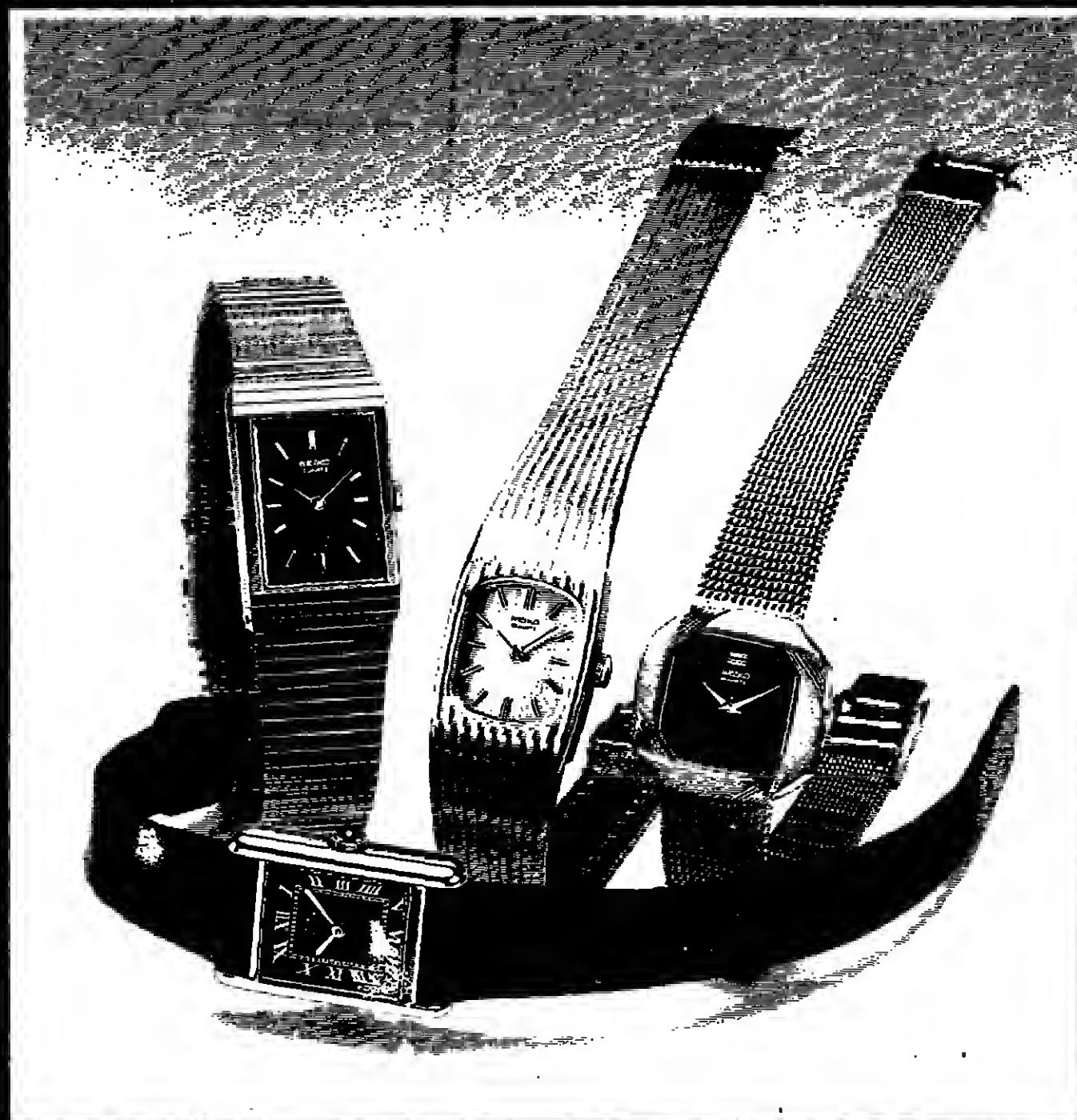
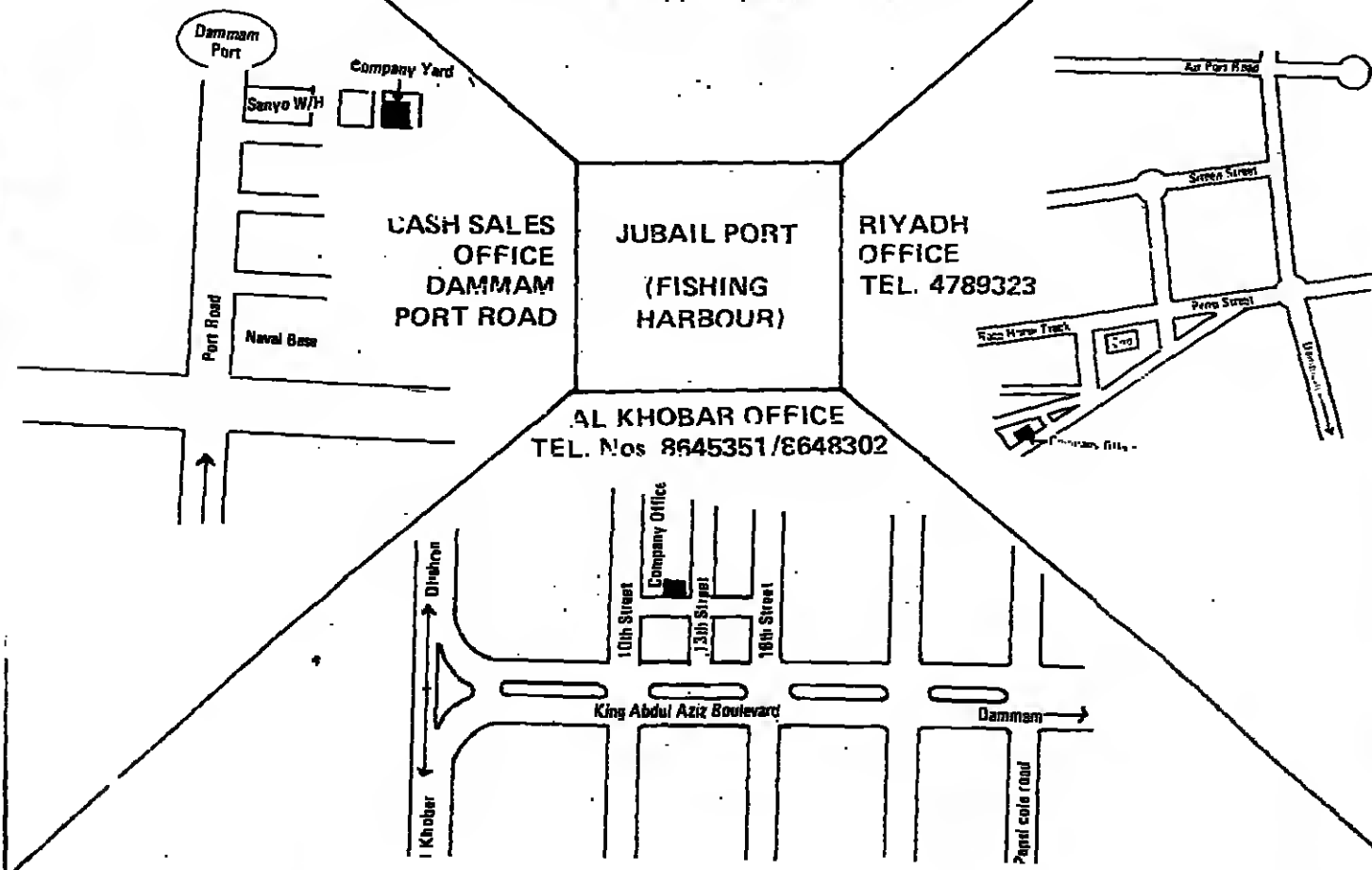
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But new offensive launched**Iran-Kurd accord reportedly reached**

BELGRADE, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — Representatives of the Iranian government and the Kurdish minority reached agreement on ending the rebellion in Kurdistan and will present the formula Monday to Ayatollah Khomeini, it was reported here.

Yugoslavia's news agency Tanjug quoted the English-language *Tehran Times* for the report.

According to Tanjug, the Tehran paper said the agreement was reached Sunday night between a government goodwill delegation and officials of the Kurdish Democratic Party.

Though details of the agreement have not been officially announced, Tanjug quoted the *Tehran Times* as saying the Kurds will obtain "regional statute" and the right to educate their children in the Kurdish language.

"The revolutionary guards, police and gendarmarie in Kurdish provinces will be composed of those who speak Kurdish and the revolutionary guard which is now stationed in Kurdistan will be recalled," the paper reportedly said.

Tanjug said all Kurdish leaders have accepted the agreement except for Ezodin Hoseini, who objected to two of the eight points. It did not say which points were in dispute.

New offensive

In Tehran meanwhile, the official news agency Pars said Monday that Kurdish rebels have launched a new offensive on a number of towns in Kurdistan.

An announcement from the Islamic Revolutionary Guard headquarters in Kermanshah, quoted by the agency, said a large number of people had been killed or wounded and that the attack was continuing.

"An all-out attack on the towns of Sanandaj, Javanrud, Nousud and Saqqez began last night and was continuing today," the announcement said.

"A large number of people have been martyred or wounded," it added.

At Arab summit**Arafat to demand use of oil**

ABU DHABI, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), was quoted Sunday as saying he would submit proposals at the Arab summit later this month on the use of oil as a political weapon.

"I am sure that the Arab oil states are always with us and share our aspirations regarding Palestine," Arafat told the Abu Dhabi newspaper *Al-Fajr*.

He said the use of oil as a weapon was a legitimate right. Arafat again denounced the Camp David agreements on peace between Israel and Egypt and said the United States should renounce them.

The PLO leader was also quoted as expressing hopes for a dialogue with Britain, which he

said had an historical and moral commitment to the Palestinians.

He denied any link between the PLO and the Irish Republican Army (IRA) now fighting against British rule in Northern Ireland.

Arafat said he had been invited by a number of black American leaders to visit the American state of Georgia and that the invitation was still under consideration.

Travel document

In Kuwait meanwhile, Salah Khalaf, codenamed Abu Iyad, said the PLO will ask the Arab summit to approve a travel document for all Palestinians.

Khalaf told a meeting of Palestinian representatives Saturday that the document would give Palestinians the right to enter any Arab state and be treated as holders of any Arab passport.



DEMONSTRATORS: A group of about 25 demonstrators, mostly Americans, gathered outside the Federal Courthouse in Denver, Colorado Saturday to call for the extradition of the Shah of Iran. There were no incidents.

Iraq: Reminders of glorious past still linger

BAGHDAD, Nov. 12 (R) — You can stay at the Ali Baba Hotel, have lunch at the Aladin Restaurant, and while the night away at the 1,001 Nights Club, drinking Sheherazade beer.

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Glorious past

Baghdad is full of reminders of the glorious past reflected in the glittering tales which took Sheherazade 1,001 nights to tell to King Shahrivar.

The Baghdad of 1,001 Nights was the capital of the Abbasid Empire which stretched from Egypt to Persia. The city was the focus of a wide trading network and the most splendid metropolis of its time, famed for its gardens, mosques and palaces.

Glorious

Baghdad reached the height of its glory under Caliph Haroun Al-Rashid, a ruler of the eighth century who helped his capital acquire a reputation as a city devoted to pleasure.

"This is the famous city of Baghdad, the home of sweetness," one visitor exclaims on arrival here.

"She lies beyond the assault of winter, sleeping in the shade of roses in an eternal spring, with flowers and gardens, and the murmur of many streams."

In summer, Baghdad is a daytime monochrome of brown brick and dust. High temperatures make it one of the hottest capitals on earth.

The chilly ruins of winter cover even main streets with slush carried there from unpaved side-roads.

Today's nightlife is dominated by European performers of a calibre hardly likely to have inspired Haroun Al-Rashid's poet friend, Abu Nawas, to compose one of the love poems which spread the fame of Abu Nawas to all corners of the Arab world.

Baghdad cinemas, including the large establishments off Abu Nawas Street, currently offer such unexotic fare as "Silver Saddle," set in the American West, "Mean Johnny Barrows" of the same genre, or "Seven From Heaven" from Hollywood.

Along Saadoun Street, the main thoroughfare in the city center, the lilting strains of Arab music from record shops mingle with the hard rock of Rod Stewart and the Rolling Stones.

But, history-conscious residents say, there are indeed traditions which have survived the 11 centuries between Haroun Al-Rashid and today's oil-oriented Baghdad of building sites for new luxury hotels of the Sheraton and Meridien chains.

Surprise visits

The Caliph made a habit of paying surprise visits to his subjects, often in disguise, and meeting out instant justice when he discovered evil-doers. "Off with his head," was a familiar cry in the days of the Abbasides.

Since he became president in July, Iraq's present ruler, 42-year-old Saddam Hussein, has developed a habit of paying unexpected calls on hospitals, schools, and factories.

Doctors have been dismissed on the spot for being late, nurses the president

found efficient received instant promotion.

The Caliph Haroun Al-Rashid, history books say, used to dip into the state coffers to give presents to citizens who pleased him.

Color TV

Hussein's visits to villages in the countryside often result in gifts of color television sets to the villagers. In the Suleimaniyah area alone, the Baghdad *Observer* newspaper reported, 11,774 citizens have so far received color TV sets from the president.

In a recent speech at a mass rally at the town of Balad, Hussein himself drew a parallel between Iraq today and the glorious past.

Iraqis, he said, had lived through difficult times and foreign rule "from the end of the strong Abbasid state, with Baghdad as the capital" to the revolution which brought the Baath Party to power years ago.

Cynical Iraqis say that the Baghdad of the Baath Party and the capital of Haroun Al-Rashid differ in a number of aspects including the frequency of executions.

Judging from the tales of 1,001 Nights, hangings and beheadings were routine under the Caliph. Wrong-doers here still face capital punishment, but it is not meted out nearly as often as in the old days.

In August, 21 alleged conspirators against the Iraqi leaders were shot to death by firing squad, with Baath Party leaders watching the proceedings.

Approved by president**28-man cabinet named by Suleyman Demirel**

ANKARA, Nov. 12 (AP) — Turkish President Fahri Koruturk Monday approved a minority government cabinet list submitted by Premier Suleyman Demirel.

The new government is entirely made up of parliament members from his conservative Justice Party, Demirel said after a two-hour meeting with Koruturk.

He said the number of portfolios in the government had been reduced to 28 from the previous 35 in the government of former Premier Bulent Ecevit.

Demirel wanted as his foreign minister a veteran politician Hayrettin Erkman, senator from Giresun province on the Black Sea coast. Erkman served as trade minister in the 50s in a govern-

ment of former Premier Adnan Menderes, who was hanged following his downfall in a 1961 military coup.

The defense ministry went to Ahmet Ihsan Birinci, a senator from Trabzon. Birinci had served in a previous Demirel government as minister of customs.

Ismet Sezgin, an economist and former minister of sports, became finance minister.

Demirel formed his minority government with the outside backing of two rightist parties, the National Movement Party and Muslim fundamentalist National Salvation Party, and splinter groups. In the 450-seat ruling assembly the government commands a majority of 227.

Koruturk named Demirel to form a new government when Ecevit resigned following his party's massive defeat in mid-term elections held Oct. 14.

After the announcement of his cabinet Demirel pointed out that the nation had grave problems which demanded solutions, mainly a severe economic crisis and bloody political terrorism.

In an appeal to the nation he said he needed "trust and patience" to succeed.

"I am not promising magic. I only hope that we can solve the nation's problems in a reasonable amount of time."

E. German leader starts four-day visit to Ethiopia

NAIROBI, Nov. 12 (R) — East German leader Erich Honecker began a four-day official visit to Ethiopia Monday, Addis Ababa Radio said.

It is his first visit to the Horn of Africa country whose rulers have received considerable military and other aid from East Germany.

Honecker is expected to sign a long-term cooperation agreement similar to one already signed by Ethiopia and the Soviet Union.

The Radio reported that Zim-babwe Rhodesian guerrilla leader Robert Mugabe also visited Ethiopia and had talks with head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam.



Suleyman Demirel

The first meeting of the new council of ministers was scheduled for later Monday, he said.

Aden minister lauds treaty with Soviets

BEIRUT, Nov. 12 (AP) — The 20-year treaty of friendship and cooperation between South Yemen and the Soviet Union, designed to "establish freedom, progress and stability" in the Gulf region, South Yemeni Foreign Minister Saleh Musleh was quoted Monday as saying.

"In essence, the treaty is an expression of the development ties between the Soviet Communist Party and the Yemeni Socialist Party," Musleh, told the Beirut newspaper *As Safir* in an interview. "We do not care less who the enemies say (about the treaty). The Soviets are the real allies of the Yemeni people and of all the Arabs."

The treaty was signed in Moscow last month.

Musleh indicated that the regime will continue its host policy toward Oman.

"We condemn all regimes that have deviated from Arab unity in order to support the host policy of (Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat, and that goes to Sultan Qabus of Oman and others," Musleh said.

He said his country will continue to support the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman, which seeks to overthrow Qabus.

Musleh also said that efforts were underway to improve relations with Iraq, strained since January when an Iraqi Communist advocate was assassinated in Aden.

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In AFC race

Oilers still game behind Pittsburgh

NEW YORK, Nov. 12 (AP) — So much for the sophomore jinx. Earl Campbell, who broke into the National Football League last season by winning the rushing championship with 1,455 yards, shared past the 1,000-yard mark Sunday and has five weeks left in which to top his rookie total.

Campbell ran 32 times for 107 yards and Dan Pastorini combined with Ken Burroughs on Touchdown bombs of 55 and 35 yards as Houston, ripped Oakland 31-17.

Their victory kept the Oilers one game behind Pittsburgh in the American Conference Central zone. The Steelers routed Kansas City 30-3 as Terry Bradshaw hurled three touchdown passes and Matt Bah kicked three field goals.

Cleveland slipped to third place

by losing to Seattle 29-24. Sherman Smit rushed for three touchdowns to pace the Seahawks, who bounced back from last week's minus-seven yards offense to gain 427 yards against the Browns.

Elsewhere, Washington and San Diego both used last-minute field goals for victories as the Redskins edged St. Louis 30-28 and the Chargers topped Cincinnati 26-24.

In other games, it was Miami 19, Baltimore 0; Tampa Bay 16, Detroit 14; Buffalo 14, New York Jets 12; New Orleans 31, San Francisco 20; Green Bay 19, Minnesota 7; Chicago 27, Chicago 27, Los Angeles 23; New York Giants 24, Atlanta 3, and Denver 45, New England 10.

New Orleans regained first place in the NFC West race, ripping San Francisco while Chicago was overtaking Los Angeles. Chuck Muncie rushed for 118 yards and three TDs, leading the Saints past the 49ers.

Los Angeles shot in front of Chicago but the Bears came back for the victory, taking the game on an interception by Virgil Livers that set up Walter Payton's winning TDs with 1:12 left.

The Tampa Bay Bucs pulled out a victory against Detroit. The Lions led 14-6 with less than four minutes to play but Neil O'Donoghue's third field goal of the game narrowed the gap to five points. Then linebacker Dana Nafziger recovered a Lawrence Gaines fumble and two plays later, Doug Williams threw a 23-yard TD pass to Larry Mucker for the winning Bucs' TD.

Miami moved into a first place tie with New England in the AFC East. The Dolphins defense devastated Baltimore while Bob Griese pitched TD passes of 18 and 14 yards to Nat Moore.

Denver destroyed New England, earning two recovered fumbles and a blocked punt into three TDs. Craig Morton threw for two other Broncos TDs.

Central Zone hits 227 for 6

JAIPUR, India, Nov. 12 (R) — The Indian Central Zone reached 227 for six at tea here Monday in reply to Pakistan's first innings total of 303 for four declared.

The Pakistani bowlers struggled hard on a bald and slow wicket but were rewarded with four wickets after lunch.

The Zone's highest scorer was skipper Parthasarthy Sharma, who has played in five tests for India. He made 71 in 155 minutes off 136 deliveries, hitting 10 boundaries.

Sharma and Anil Bhanot, who scored 58 in 248 minutes, added 40 runs for the third wicket and provided the foundation for the Central Zone's total.

Although Bhanot batted slowly and without much enterprise, his contribution proved important, for middle-order batsmen Anil Deshpande and Sanjeev Rao were out after making only one run each.

European football results

LONDON, Nov. 12 (R) — This weekend's European football scores:

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| FC Utrecht | 2 | Willem II | 2 |
| AZ 67 Alkmaar | 0 | Feyenoord | 0 |
| Haarlem | 0 | Roda JC | 3 |
| Vitesse Arnhem | 1 | Twente Enschede | 3 |
| Go Ahead Eagles Deventer | 0 | PEC Zwolle | 0 |
| NAC Breda | 1 | NEC Nijmegen | 0 |
| Alps Amsterdam | 4 | PSV Eindhoven | 1 |
| Excelsior Rotterdam | 0 | MYV Maastricht | 0 |
| Sparta Rotterdam | 2 | The Hague | 2 |
| Borussia Mönchengladbach | 1 | Münch 1860 | 1 |
| Bayer Leverkusen | 1 | VfB Stuttgart | 3 |
| Eintracht Braunschweig | 3 | VfL Bochum | 0 |
| FC Kaiserslautern | 0 | Eintracht Frankfurt | 1 |
| Hamburger SV | 4 | Borussia Dortmund | 0 |
| Bayern Munich | 3 | Bayer Uerdingen | 0 |
| Hertford BSC | 0 | Werder Bremen | 0 |

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| MSV Duisburg | 0 | JFC Cologne | 2 |
| Schalke 04 | 2 | Fortuna Düsseldorf | 2 |
| Angers | 1 | Nancy | 0 |
| Nice | 1 | Lens | 0 |
| Bordeaux | 0 | Paris SG | 1 |
| Brest | 1 | Brest | 1 |
| Lille | 1 | Sochaux | 1 |
| Metz | 1 | Laval | 4 |
| Lyon | 1 | Nantes | 4 |
| Marseille | 0 | Monaco | 3 |
| Nantes | 0 | Strasbourg | 0 |
| Vichy | 0 | AI. Toulon | 0 |
| Vienne | 0 | W. Sportclub | 0 |
| Austria Wien | 3 | Austria Salzburg | 1 |
| GAK | 2 | Rapid | 1 |
| Admira Wacker | 1 | LAASK | 1 |
| Voorn Lins | 0 | Sturm Graz | 0 |
| Las Palmas | 1 | Atletico Bilbao | 1 |
| Atletico Madrid | 0 | Valencia | 1 |
| Sevilla | 1 | Rayo Vallecano | 1 |
| Barcelona | 0 | Malaga | 0 |
| Burgos | 2 | Alicante | 1 |
| Sporting | 1 | Real Zaragoza | 4 |
| Hercules | 1 | Real Betis | 0 |
| Real Sociedad | 1 | Real Madrid | 0 |
| Espanol | 1 | Salamanca | 1 |



ATTACK. Britain's Maurice Hope (right) attacks American challenger Mike Baker during his successful defense of his world light-middleweight title in London recently.

To reach Stockholm final

McEnroe rallies to down Fibak

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 12 (AP) — John McEnroe came from way down in the second set to beat Wojtek Fibak of Poland 6-4, 7-5 Sunday, reaching his second straight singles final in the Stockholm Open tennis championships.

The 20-year-old U.S. Open champion will play Gene Mayer in the all-American showdown for the top prize. Brian Gottfried gave up the other semi-final against Mayer because of a back injury in the second set. Mayer had won the first set 6-1.

Cameroun team makes African football final

YAOUNDE, Nov. 12 (R) — Cameroun soccer club Union of Douala beat Zaire's Imana Kinshasa 1-0 here Sunday night to reach the final of the African Champions' Cup.

The Camerounian side won the home-and-away semi-final 3-1 on aggregate, having beaten Imana 2-1 in the first leg in Kinshasa.

Lakers' fastbreaks run rings around Cleveland Cavaliers

NEW YORK, Nov. 12 (AP) — When he was the center of attention at UCLA in the 1960s, Lew Alcindor was the trigger for one of the best fastbreaks in the college game.

The name has changed — it is now Kareem Abdul Jabbar, but the style is the same.

Abdul-Jabbar is the big gun on the Los Angeles Lakers these days, as everyone knows, and still has that fastbreak in high gear. Like Sunday night, when the Lakers defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 140-126 in the National Basketball Association and improved their record in the Pacific Division to 11-4.

"We're committed to the fastbreak this season," said the Lakers' interim coach, Paul Westhead, "and we're running and passing and scoring."

About Abdul-Jabbar: "The more I see him, the more I appreciate his selfishness."

Jamaal Wilkes scored 25 points to lead Los Angeles' balanced attack.

In other NBA action, Phoenix defeated Denver 116-91 and Portland trimmed Kansas City 112-109.

Maurice Lucas scored a season-high 22 points, 18 in the second half, and Bob Groat added 21 to power Portland over Kansas City.

Standings:

| Eastern Conference | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|------|
| | W | L | Pct. |
| Philadelphia | 12 | 3 | .800 |
| Boston | 10 | 5 | .667 |
| New York | 7 | 7 | .500 |
| Washington | 4 | 7 | .364 |
| New Jersey | 4 | 10 | .286 |
| Atlantic Division | | | |
| Atlanta | 11 | 5 | .688 |

| Western Conference | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|------|
| | W | L | Pct. |
| San Antonio | 8 | 7 | .533 |
| Indiana | 7 | 9 | .438 |
| Houston | 5 | 7 | .417 |
| Cleveland | 6 | 10 | .375 |
| Detroit | 5 | 9 | .357 |
| Midwest Division | | | |
| Denver | 5 | 11 | .313 |
| Phoenix | 5 | 11 | .313 |
| Chicago | 4 | 12 | .250 |
| Utah | 2 | 12 | .143 |
| Pacific Division | | | |
| Portland | 13 | 4 | .765 |
| Los Angeles | 11 | 4 | .733 |
| Phoenix | 10 | 6 | .625 |
| Seattle | 9 | 6 | .600 |
| Golden State | 7 | 6 | .538 |
| San Diego | 6 | 11 | .353 |



Kareem Abdul Jabbar

Englishman Briars goes to Dutch squash quarters

EDE, Netherlands, Nov. 12 (R) — Young British professional Gwynn Briars reached the quarter-finals of the World Series squash tournament here Sunday after his opponent refused to play.

Briars, a late replacement for unfit British Number One Jonah Barrington, was due to play Sweden-based Egyptian professional Ali Aziz in the first round, but the Egyptian refused to face him, claiming first reserve Briars had no right to be in the 16-player

competition, and he had not walked into the first eight.

The organizers refused. Briars now meets world Number Three Hilly Jahan of Pakistan, 11-9, 9-11, 9-11 winner over compatriot Torsan Khan, for a place in the semifinals.

World number two Jon Persson of Sweden, who had been thrashed by Barrington in the final of the World Masters in London on Friday, outlasted 11-year-old of Egypt 9-4, 11-8, 9-5.

Wins Asian tourney

Iran takes wrestling title

NEW DELHI, Nov. 12 (R) — Iran won the first Asian Wrestling Championships Sunday at the northern Indian town of Jullundur with a haul of four gold, one silver, two silver and three bronze for a total of 40 points.

Japan was second niggling five gold and two silver for 38 points.

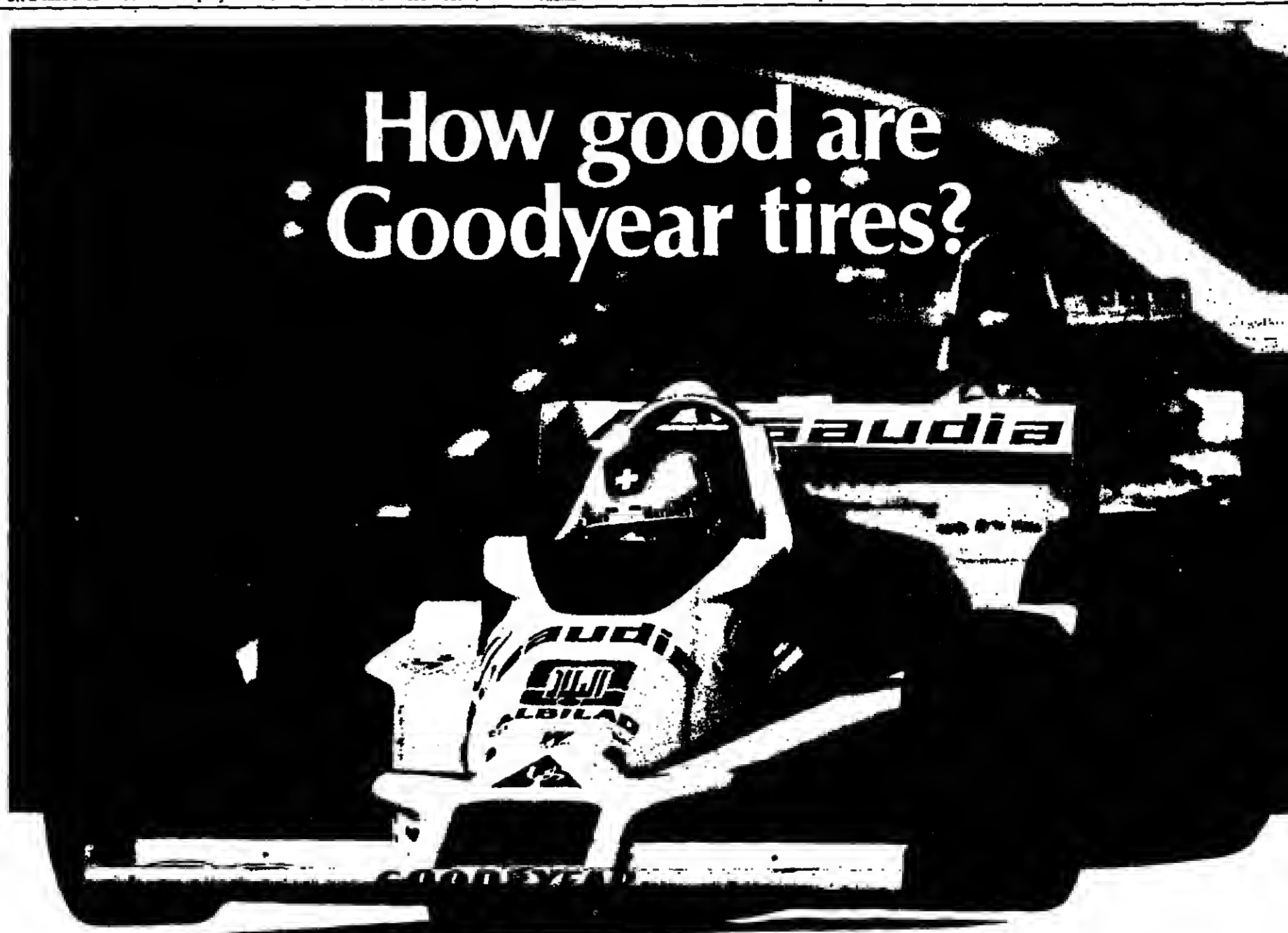
It was sweet revenge for Iran as Japan had wrestled the Asian

Championship from the Iranians in the last games in Bangkok.

India received a jolt as the country for the first time failed to get a gold medal in an Asian wrestling meet.

The Indian host team finished in third position with six silver and two bronze.

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THE MAYORS' TURN

The Palestinians have been doing well recently on the international scene. The Camp David side appears to be still mired in the unending talks over their version of Palestinian "autonomy", while the PLO moves steadily on towards full international recognition.

But the Israelis have been by no means idle. Their attempt at consolidating their hold on the West Bank and Gaza continues and gains in ferocity. Its last phase has been the steps taken against the mayors of the West Bank, to silence one of the most vocal sources of opposition to the Israeli annexationist designs.

The background to this latest phase lies in the failure of the Camp David side to find a Palestinian leadership alternative to the PLO, whose participation would lend some credibility to the "autonomy" plan agreed in the Camp David agreement. The failure surprised no one but the Camp David side, since Begin had already given out his understanding of the proposed autonomy as involving the people and not the land. He was already implementing that view when the settlement-building program was stepped up.

The united opposition to the Israeli-Egyptian version of autonomy found in the West Bank mayors a firm and articulate leadership, whose voice became increasingly listened to throughout the world. Israel could not tolerate this, and the destruction of this last vestige of official Palestinian representation in the West Bank became its primary objective.

The first attempt to do this came when the Israelis declared their intention of holding no more mayoral elections in the area. The "autonomy" elections, due to be held next May, they argued, rendered them obsolete. This attempt soon foundered.

The Israeli authorities then had no resort but to good old-fashioned political (and judicial) blackmail. Since the mayors could not be intimidated, two of their members, mayor Karim Kholaf of Ramallah and Ibrahim al Tawil of Biru, were charged with assaulting members of the Israeli security forces. The intention is then to obtain a court order to expel them from the West Bank.

Yesterday, another mayor, Bassam Al Shak'aa of Nablus, was arrested and charged with giving newspaper interviews in which he supported Palestinian commando operations against Israel. The intention is to expel him too.

But the indications from the West Bank are that the Israeli plan will not go unopposed. The people of the West Bank are firm in their rejection of the Camp David formula, which has long been recognized by them as no more than a screen behind which the same, age-old Israeli designs against them are being advanced.

The headache of Mexico City's many millions

By William Chislett

MEXICO CITY — Planners have a word for Mexico City — mucocephaly, a medical condition in which the head is too large for the body.

Fourteen million people live in the capital, a fifth of the population. By the year 2000, the number will be around 32 million, making it the largest city in the world.

Last month, after years of dallying, the Government finally produced a plan to defuse the capital's explosive population growth rate of 5.6 per cent a year.

Basically, it will consist of taking jobs to the people, to stop them swarming into Mexico City in search of work.

"Mexico City is the most absurd thing that ever happened," says President Jose Lopez Portillo.

Hank Gonzalez, the Mayor, explains: "Twenty years ago we never thought we would reach such a monstrously high population. We have seven capitals superimposed on Mexico City. It's the political, financial, industrial, commercial, educational, cultural and even the religious capital."

Uncontrolled growth is to blame, and it is frightening testimony to what happens when industrialization takes place haphazardly.

Mexico City's population has increased sevenfold since 1940, when it was a mere two million. Since then Lake Texcoco, which supplied the Aztecs with endless fresh water, has dried up, and is now a source of dust storms that send people spluttering into doorways.

The smog is so bad that on many days the city appears to be enveloped in fog. As a result respiratory diseases are common.

The rich are not affected by most of these problems because they live in the hills, away from the constant drone of traffic, the repeated honking of horns and the oppressive atmosphere.

The poor live in 'lost cities', including one, Nezahualcoyotl, known as the 'sleeping giant', where over two million people cram into shacks and other makeshift dwellings, and barefoot, ragged children, some with hunger-swollen stomachs, play amid the most awful squalor.

One of the keys to creating order in Mexico City is public transport. There are two million cars in the capital but the average occupancy rate is only 1.3 people. If cars are not to bring traffic to a halt, far more people will have to use buses and the Metro (under ground railway system).

Last year the Metro carried 659 million passengers in 755 carriages, compared to London's Underground, which carried 546 million passengers in 4,434 carriages. It's a rough ride in Mexico.

To get even more into the Metro, the existing three lines will be expanded to 18 by the year 2010, so that 33 per cent of the city's traffic load will use the Metro compared to the present 11 per cent.

A start has already been made on improving the flow of traffic by completing the first 15 of a planned 34 cross-city one-way routes.

And in September the president planted the 15 millionth tree in a proposed green belt of 120 million trees which will suck carbon dioxide from the city's fume-filled atmosphere. Mexico will always have a 'big head' but the hope is that it will become less of a headache. —(OFNS)

The 'club' in Shanghai shows how China is changing

By The Observer

SHANGHAI —

"We expect to start drilling for oil in the Yellow Sea by 1981." The speaker is Les Roberts, head of a British Petroleum team based in Shanghai. He is sitting on the verandah of "the club", an exquisite English-style country house in its own grounds seven miles from the center of Shanghai.

It has been the house used by leading members of the Communist Party, including Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai, since 'liberation' in 1949; Nixon stayed there during his visit in 1972. Now it is occupied by the staff of BP and the French oil company Elf. Nothing could better symbolise the return of foreign capital to Shanghai than two of Europe's major oil companies living in the city's finest property.

"The club", as the locals call it, was built in 1926 by a British banker, Sir David Sassoon, in the style common to the south of England, which was his home. It is set in a beautiful Chinese garden, with small lakes, pagodas and trimmed cypress trees, as well as a large nursery garden.

He sold it in 1947 to a Chinese businessman who turned it into a country club, adding a golf course that is now the municipal zoo. BP and Elf leased it at a high rent early this year as the headquarters for their first year of surveying 50,000 square kilometers of sea off the Shanghai coast.

Numerous foreign and overseas Chinese com-

panies are now doing feasibility studies in Shanghai, the city that offers the best facilities for an exporter in China; it is the most industrialised facilities for an exporter in China; it is the most industrialised city, as the biggest port, the most sophisticated work force and some of the country's best universities.

Four new countries are expected to open consulates there in the next six months, in addition to Japan and Poland there now; these will be the United States and probably Yugoslavia, Romania and another European country. The housing bureau is re-zoning the city for commercial, industrial and residential use, and blocks to house the new foreigners are being built.

One foreign institution that has been through all this before is the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. Before liberation, its operations in Shanghai far overshadowed its business in Hong Kong, and it built an enormous domed pile on the Bund, the Shanghai waterfront.

It is now the home of the Municipal Revolutionary Committee and negotiations over compensation took 16 years.

The bank's representative is Oliver Barnham, and he says he wholeheartedly recommends foreign investors to come to Shanghai.

"Political stability is the most important factor. We feel that China is stable, nobody wants a return to the extremist politics of the past. Every sign is that China is now well on its way to economic recovery."



The curse of inflation is centuries old

By William Guttmann

LONDON —

The curse of rising prices and depreciating money is almost as old as money itself.

In the Western world the familiar association of inflation with printing money galore is not older than a couple of centuries, though China, where they invented paper money, suffered disastrously from inflation due to indiscriminate issue of paper currency as early as the eleventh century. But the method of depreciating money by simply reducing the content of precious metals in the coinage was already practised in ancient Rome.

When Emperor Diocletian came to power in AD 284 he found the empire in the throes of inflation caused by his predecessors, who had flooded the country with debased coins. He tried to stabilize the currency by issuing new gold and silver coins.

But the new coins, hoarded by speculators, disappeared. Back came the old, debased ones and, with them, more inflation. (This is an early example of 'Gresham's Law' — that bad money drives out good — so-called because it has been wrongly attributed to Sir Thomas Gresham (1519-79), who founded the Royal Exchange.) Diocletian also tried

to fix incomes and wages — the first essay in an incomes policy in history. It failed and, after he abdicated, was abandoned.

In the 1500s Spain's conquests in the Americas were followed by the influx of vast quantities of gold and silver. The impact of this big increase in purchasing power drove up prices by hundreds of per cent. Cheap goods were imported and national industry stagnated. The consequences for Spain were disastrous economically and, ultimately, politically.

Around 1720 we encounter the first paper money inflation, in France. It was caused by financial manipulations by John Law, a Scotsman who enjoyed royal patronage. The manipulations were based on shares in a company set up to exploit France's overseas possessions, and triggered off a wave of frantic speculation in the shares. Speculators made great fortunes and rushed to invest their paper profits in 'inflation hedges' — land, gold, jewellery — driving prices sky-high.

Again, after the Revolution, the French government issued bonds — assignats — which, as they multiplied, assumed the role of actual money. By 1795 their value had sunk to less than 1/500 of the gold franc.

Inflation followed the American Revolution, too, when the new republic resorted to printing money (which, Benjamin Franklin noted shrewdly, was but a form of taxation), so that the newly printed 'Continental Dollars' became worthless. A suggestion to control prices and incomes was disdainfully rejected as contrary to the principles of individual freedom.

Almost half a century of general monetary stability preceded World War I. But the war and its consequences heralded a series of unprecedented inflations. The losers, of course, were hardest hit, the record being held by Germany, where ultimately the value of one pre-war mark was represented by 1 million paper marks.

World War II generated another bout of inflation. An all-time record was achieved by Hungary, where the pre-war currency unit, based on gold, was valued at 130 trillion units.

Since then inflation has been endemic in the world. The proud dollar is depreciating, at the moment, at a rate of 13 per cent, not much less than Britain's inflation of about 16 per cent. Even the West Germans, who, after their dire experiences, would make any sacrifice to avoid inflation, have seen their currency depreciate at the — for them — alarming rate of 5 per cent. —(OFNS)

saudi press review

Newspapers Monday mainly concentrated their lead stories on widespread strikes on the West Bank and en masse resignations by mayors in the occupied Arab territories in protest against the deportation of the Nablus mayor for his protests against the Camp David accords. *Al-Jazirah* however, led with America's gratitude to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for its mediatory efforts with the Iranian authorities to release the hostages, while *Al-Riyadh* played as its lead story Ayatollah Khomeini's declaration that Iran was not afraid of America's military intervention nor of its economic sanctions on Iran.

Almost all the newspapers frontpaged the discussions of Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, with King Hussein and other Jordanian leaders in Amman. Newspapers also gave front-page prominence to Khomeini's rejection of Pope John

Paul's appeal to release the hostages, the visiting Finnish Foreign Minister's call on King Khaled and discussions with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, and Interior Minister Prince Naif's advice during a meeting with the mutawifin, or the pilgrim guides, in Mecca, not to exploit the Pilgrimage for any political motive but to strive to keep up the Kingdom's pioneering role in the field of Islamic activities.

In a front-page story, *Okaz* reported that the U.S. has allocated \$2 billion for the development of new energy resources, while *Al-Riyadh* highlighted in a front-page story Israel's plan to expand the existing Jewish settlements and to build new ones in the West Bank, in Gaza sector and in Golan.

In an editorial on consultation and coordination among the Arabs, *Al-Madina* said Saudi Arabia does not only occupy an outstanding place in this field but it has, in fact, set a trend of consul-

tation in contemporary Arab diplomacy. It said that King Abdul Aziz had made the first-ever attempt in Mecca to gather Muslim leaders and intellectuals for the exchange of views on vital issues.

The paper said that the Saudi diplomatic moves before the Nov. 20 Arab summit conference of Tunis have reaffirmed the Kingdom's keen desire to realize the unity of thought and ranks among the leaders of the Arab nation.

Concentrating on the same subject, *Al-Jazirah* said the Arab summit conferences and other meetings among the Arab brethren at all levels have always borne some fruit as far as the confrontation of the enemy was concerned. "Saudi Arabia, which has played a significant role in bringing the summit conferences to success, is now making moves before the convening of the 10th summit in Tunis, in an effort to ensure a positive and favorable climate for its success."

"In utter disregard of any personal interest and with a sense of responsibility, the Kingdom will continue to work as a champion of Arab solidarity and the guardian of all Arab interests," said the paper.

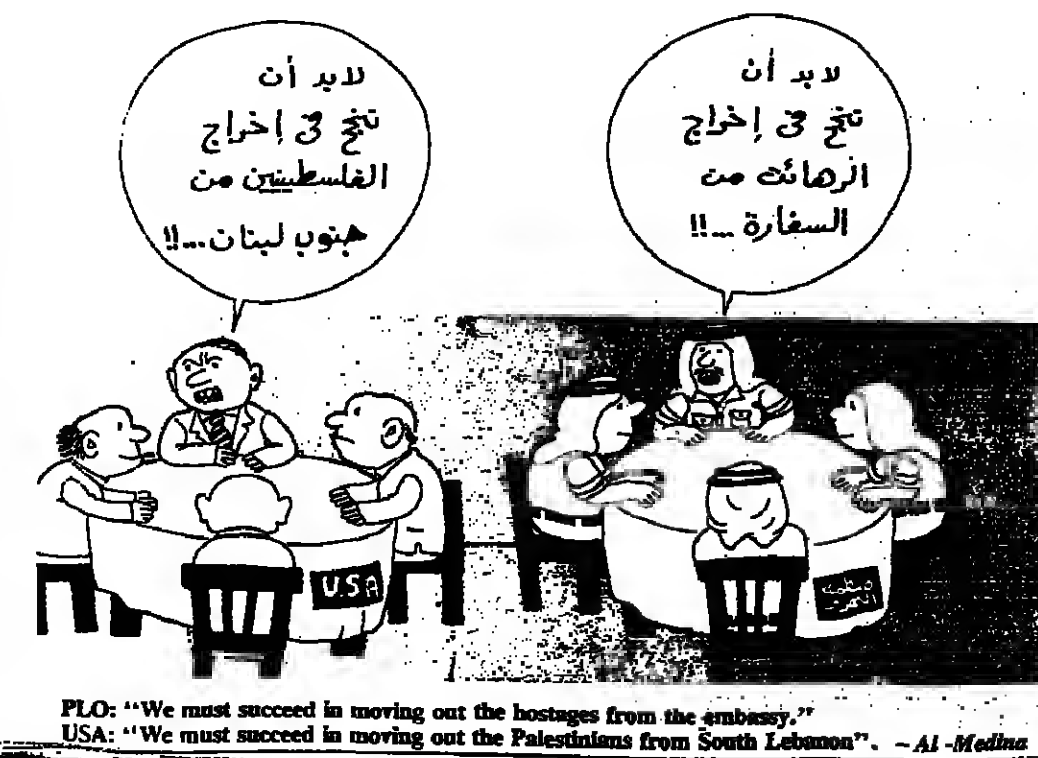
Al-Nadwa described the Saudi diplomatic move as part of its preparations for the convening of the summit conference. "The efforts being exerted by the Saudi leadership aim at eliminating side differences and unifying the Arab nation's ranks at this decisive moment of the Arab history," the paper said.

"Saudi Arabia's efforts for Arab solidarity do not emanate from the nature of the prevailing crucial circumstances but gave a real expression of its commitments toward the restoration of Arab rights," it said. The paper hoped that Saudi Arabian efforts will be crowned with success with full support from all its brothers, so that the Arab nation enables

itself to mobilize all its resources to restore its rights.

Al-Riyadh dwelled on the Palestinian diplomacy and said the unofficial efforts being made by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to get the release of hostages at the U.S. embassy in Tehran might not have been expected by political observers in view of Washington's negative attitude toward the Palestine issue.

"While the PLO is playing this humanitarian role, though unofficially, Israel continues to pursue its aggressive and terrorist plans against the Palestinians. Israel's decision to deport the Nablus mayor and to go ahead with its settlements plan is not in tune with the Camp David resolutions and may therefore embarrass America at this particular time," the paper said, and asked the world to follow the events and to find for itself what is terrorism and who are the actual terrorists?



PLO: "We must succeed in moving out the hostages from the embassy."

USA: "We must succeed in moving out the Palestinians from South Lebanon". — *Al-Madina*

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Beirut Is it safe ?

By Gabriel Franks

BEIRUT — Is Beirut safe? Nowhere and nothing is safe and some quarters are as safe as any city.

Yet, there is no escaping the anarchy. "If you go down this street, stay on the right-hand side. There is a sniper covering the left."

I came overland by service from Damascus. The cars leave for Lebanon every 15 minutes from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the three-hour journey is pleasant and cheap. Border formalities are minimal. Taxi drivers have a way of smoothing things.

Once across the border into Lebanon, the scenery changes radically. Though Damascus is justly famous for its luxurious gardens most of the rest of the Syrian countryside up to the frontier is mountainous desert. Suddenly it is farm land, rich in row-crops and orchards. It is still mountainous but flowing with milk and honey.

The sizable Lebanese population of my native Texas is a prosperous group of thrifty and hard-working merchants. Was it the superior talent of the people that made Lebanon bloom or had France, when it created Lebanon in the twenties by slicing off most of the coastline of Syria, taken only the finest and the best?

At first there is little evidence of war. But the closer one gets to the city, the more ravaged is the land. It is not like the cities of Germany after the war, razed by the bombs. Most of the buildings still stand, pockmarked and empty. Many rows of buildings, seemingly intact, are shells, the walls between blasted away by fighters making headway without stepping out into the street.

On the car radio is news of war. A booby-trapped car has exploded in the suburbs of Beirut, an attempt on the life of a leader of one of the feuding factions. He escaped injury, but a number of people are dead.

The roads bristle with heavily armed green-beretted troops of the Arab Deterrent Force, mostly Syrian. Beyond a crossing that swarms with soldiers is the peaceful part of Beirut, the familiar beautiful shops, the hotels, banks, bumper-to-bumper traffic, the people.

A desk clerk at my old haunt has a brother in Jeddah and remembers me. Room rates have soared. At Rue Hamra's Way-In Bookstore I ask for a guidebook of the city but there is only an expensive guide to all Lebanon. I want to see the Archeological Museum so I buy it anyway. The book says the museum is open but back at the hotel my clerk shakes his head. "We've had a war here you know."

No matter. There is still the Greek Catholic and Greek Orthodox Cathedrals. It is Sunday and I look forward to indulging my fancy for oriental liturgies.

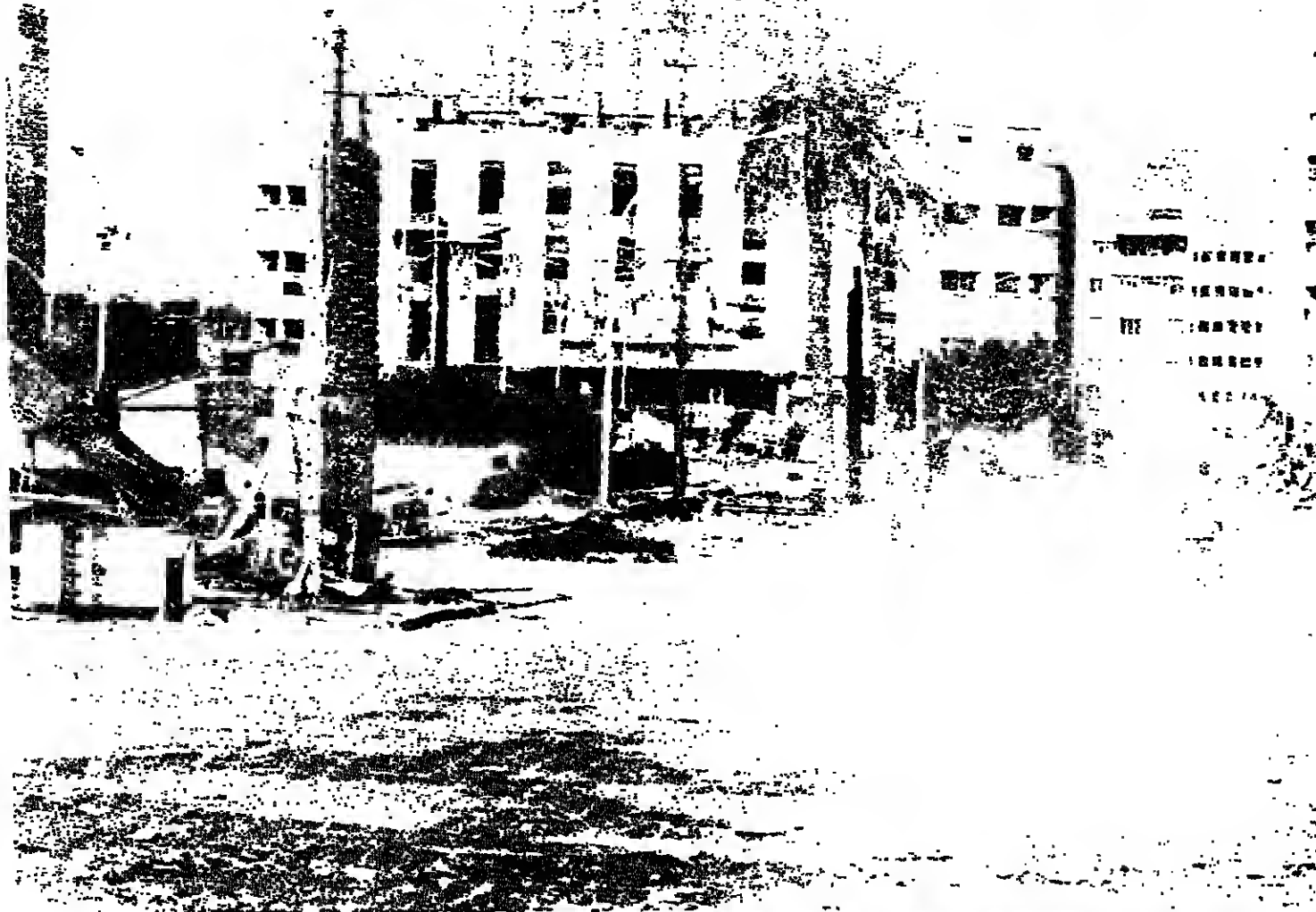
As I walk toward them, map in hand, the crowds thin until there are only a few hurried figures who rush by, eyes on the sidewalk. I ask

some anxious faces where the churches are. They don't know. I consult the book. Suq Sursok, it says. "Suq Sursok"? I ask. "Nothing but soldiers there." "Well, then, how about the Great Mosque?" "Very dangerous. Khalas." "The Mosque of the Seraglio?" "Finished." "The Parliament?" "No." "The Place de l'Etoile?" "Same." "The Place des Canons?" "No." "The Central Post Office?" "Only soldiers."

Despondent, I return to my hotel. I make friends with another American. Tall, bearded, young, he is a sometime student, journalist and PR man for the PLO. He describes the wide swath cutting through the city from the port to the museum which is a no-man's land between government-controlled East Beirut and the West. The PLO has promised to take him to the refugee camps but he hasn't seen them yet. Soon.

I visit the American University of Beirut, a ray of hope. "When did you reopen?" "We never closed." I walk the length of the palm-studded Corniche with its crowds of strollers in the sun. They all seem to be heading for the cinemas, three shows a day at 3:30, 6:30 and 9:30 in English with Arabic and French subtitles. I wander in, Goldie Hawn in "Foul Play," Vanessa Redgrave in "Agatha," George Kennedy in "The Human Factor."

All Beirut loves the cinema.



The crowds thin, until there are only a few hurried figures who rush by, eyes on the sidewalk.

Lebanon's flora

The land still lives

By Rosalind Ingrams

ADH — In spite of Lebanon's tragic war, the exquisiteness of its countryside has remained. *Wild Flowers of Lebanon*, by Dr. Moustapha Nehme (published in 1978) is an

able reminder of the rich flora, of its streams and rains that form their habitat. 33 color photographs are included. The book was commissioned by the National Council for Scientific Research, connected with the American University. The author is a botanist by training but has recently become a botanist by passion.

Every flower is shown. The book says that his aim is to provide a reference book for the scholar or the amateur, sent, there exist monuments of learning on the flora of Lebanon, but nothing of a more handier nature. He has the most beautiful flow-ers as well as some trees, shrubs and ferns.

Nehme gives, as an additional reason for his work, his concern that many of the plants are on the verge of extinction through logging, for example, the wild mna Lily, *Lilium Candidum*, makes an urgent plea for protection of wild flowers in Lebanon.

In spring, the country is decked with wild cyclamen, narcissi, hyacinths, anemones, scyllas, orchids and such flowering trees as the Judas. The flowers are so ubiquitous, that the country people regard them as weeds. The blue lily, *Ixiolirion* cum (no. 42), highly prized cultivation in the West, is dug up by the farmers of the Valley.

The next entry, (no. 43), reveals the true habitat of *Pancratium* imum, which is that delicate lily grown in many gardens. It opens in the evening, fills the air with its heavenly scent lasts only for a day. In its natural state it grows close by the shore, and is so seductive that insects cluster to drink its nectar. It is known as the Sea Daffodil.

In each entry, every one of the plants is illustrated. Dr. Nehme gives the correct botanical nomenclature, then the period of flowering, the habitat, distribution, something of the history and character of the plant. Almost all the plants are known and described in antiquity, chiefly for their medicinal uses. The *Materia Medica* of Dioscorides contains accounts of hundreds of plants. Early on, this book was translated into Arabic and was widely known. The pre-literate uses of the plants probably represent an ancient tradition of herbal medicine.

Wherever possible, Dr. Nehme gives the Arabic name of the plant as well as the colloquial one. He learns many curious facts, such as that the Mastic tree (no. 120) provided the world with chewing gum before the American product appeared some fifty years ago.

Dr. Nehme also relates plants known in modern times to those known in the Bible and Koran and etymology by vague or poetic names such as "balm". One story omits the familiar tale of akintobos, the beautiful youth loved of Apollo who was struck

down accidentally by the banks of the Orontes river. From the drops of his blood, Apollo caused a flower to spring, the hyacinth. The blood of the youth also accounts for the Orontes running red each spring, actually a result of the swollen waters churning the red soil.

If there are any minor criticisms to be made by a layman they concern language. The derivations of the Greek or Latin names of the plants are at times inaccurate. The genus *Equistum* (no. 1) is given, correctly, as a derivation of *Equus* (horse) but then, incorrectly, of *Seta* (silk). The correct root word is *Saeta*, meaning the hair of bristle of animals. The colloquial English "marestail" is close to the original.

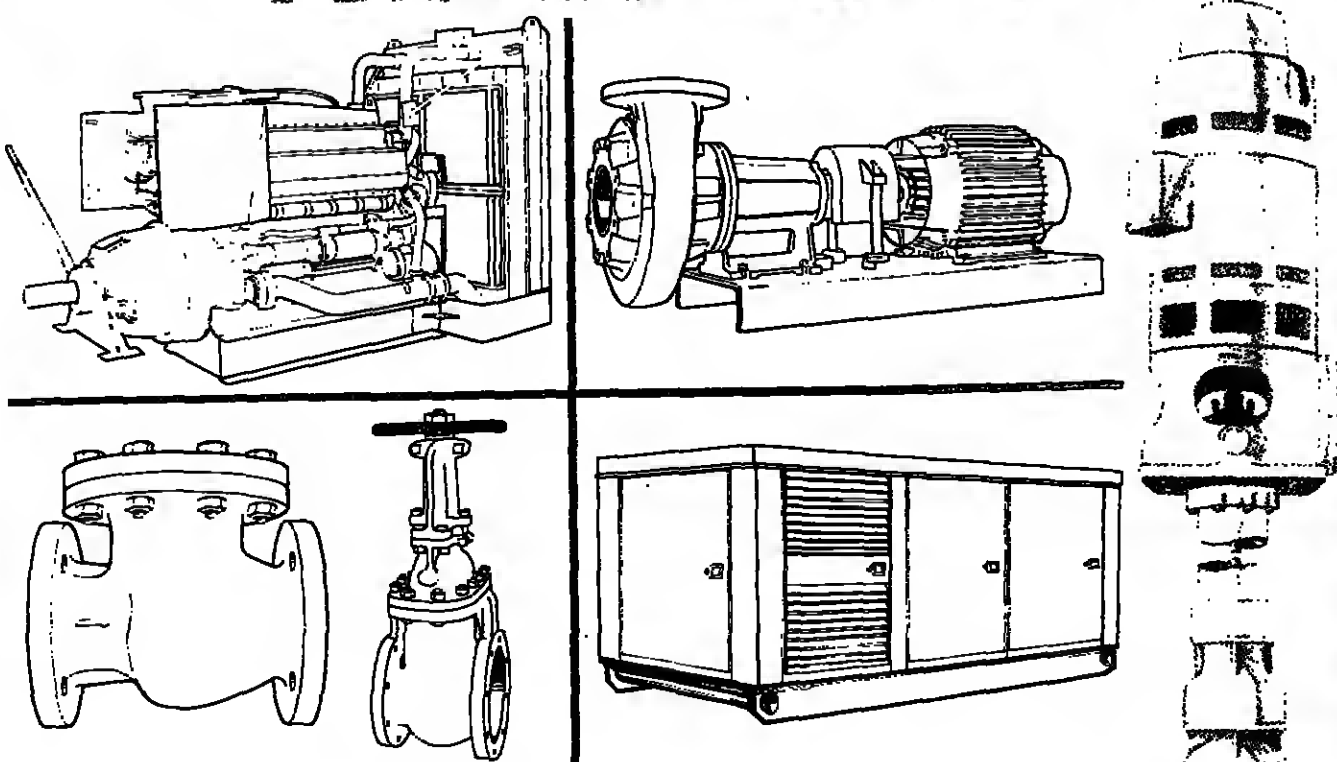
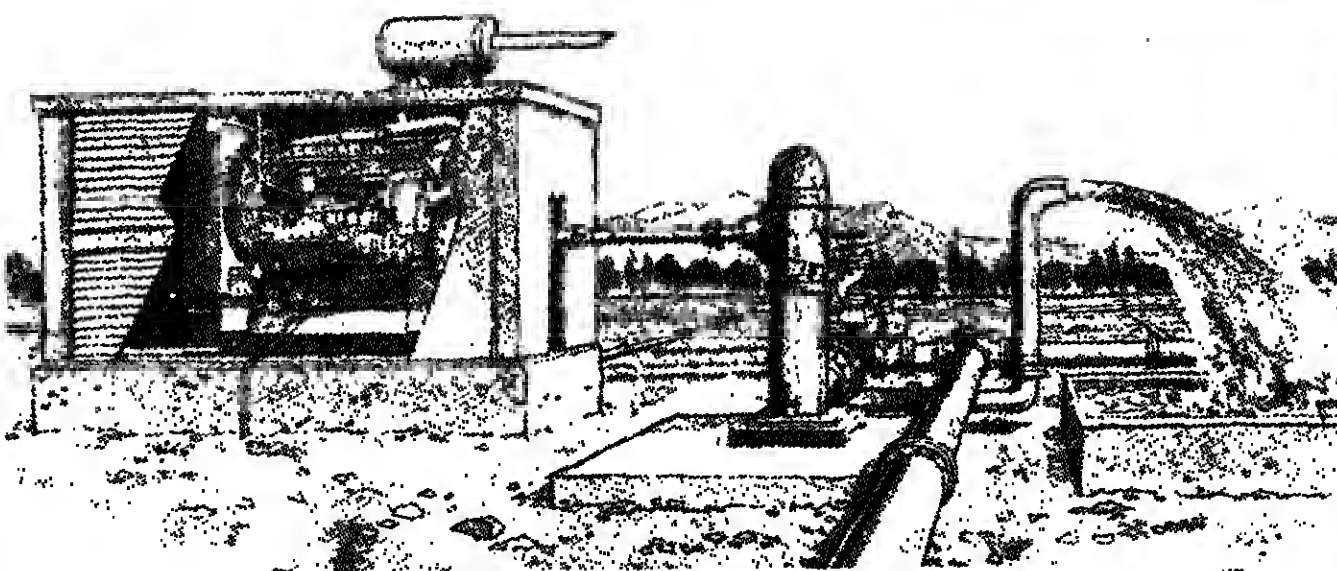
The fact the present edition is a translation from the French is also sometimes obvious from a number of Gallicisms and near-miss attempts such as "rage" for "rabies" but the translation is on the whole efficient and literate.

These are small matters indeed when weighed against the mass of accurate and helpful information provided by Dr. Nehme. There is an index, a bibliography, and a glossary for the otherwise incomprehensible technical terms. Above all, Dr. Nehme has followed a rule which many such books ignore at their peril. Every plant described is illustrated and so the work can join the ranks of the keen flower-lover's well-thumbed guides.



The Pyramid Orchid, from Dr. Moustapha Nehme's *Wildflowers of Lebanon*, a collection of exquisite color photographs of the country's flora, published in 1978. The book also includes valuable information on the habitat and history of each plant.

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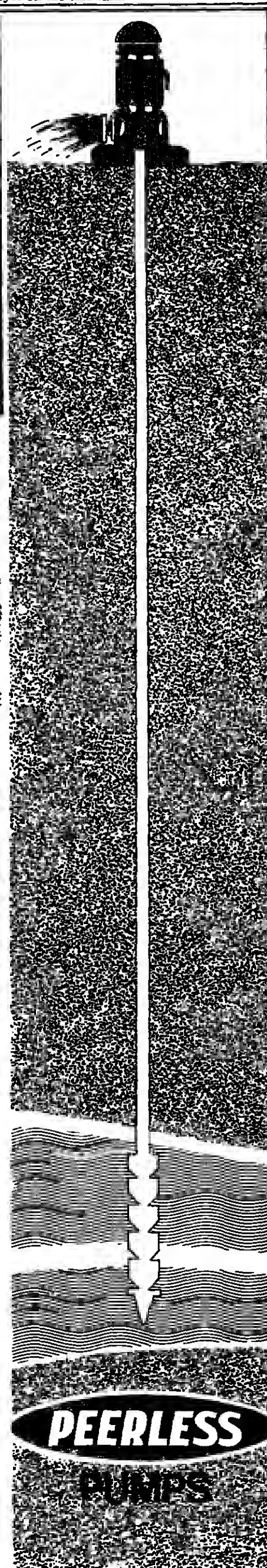


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Accuses Singh of inciting mob**Mrs. Gandhi escapes campaign rally raid**

NEW DELHI, Nov. 12 (AP)—Former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was unhurt but several aides suffered head injuries when a mob attacked her car during a Sunday campaign trip, the United News of India reported.

The attack near Saharsa, 400 kilometers northwest of Calcutta, was "pre-planned" by leaders of caretaker Prime Minister Charan Singh's ruling political party, Jagannath Mishra, a Gandhi party aide who was injured, told reporters.

Singh and Mrs. Gandhi, who are arch-rivals, have started campaign

tours in preparation for the January national election. Parliament was dissolved for after the breakup last summer of the Janata Party, which won the 1977 election in a landslide over Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party.

About 100 hostile demonstrators twice charged Mrs. Gandhi's car with stones and bricks, smashing its windshield, during a well-attended campaign rally at the town of Madhepura, in Bihar state, Mishra told UNI. He said Mrs. Gandhi, 61, was quickly escorted to safety but he, her bodyguard and another political

worker required first-aid treatment for head wounds.

A dozen others suffered minor injuries, Mishra said.

Police intervened only after the second attack, Mishra said. He charged that when Singh recently toured this area the caretaker prime minister "openly directed his followers to resort to violence which indicates he has become desperate and frustrated."

There was no direct comment from Singh, who meanwhile was reported heckled and booed at three Sunday campaign rallies in Madhya Pradesh state.



Indira Gandhi

Inclusion of internal parties sought**Namibia talks start without South Africa delegation**

GENEVA, Nov. 12 (agencies)—Talks on the future of Namibia opened in Geneva Monday without representatives of South Africa, which administers the territory.

A United Nations spokesman said a South African delegation was expected later.

But Pretoria Sunday said it found it "impossible" to attend the talks unless local leaders in the

territory were invited.

U.N. senior officials headed by Brian Urquhart, undersecretary general for political affairs, began four-days of discussions on Namibia's transition to independence by meeting representatives of five Western nations that have been involved in negotiations with South Africa on the issue.

Urquhart and his team were scheduled to meet Monday after-

noon representatives of five "front-line" African states, and with the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

Asked about South Africa's participation in the consultations, the spokesman said, "We have no news about the arrival of South African representatives, but they are expected to come."

The South African position was set out Sunday in a letter from Foreign Minister Roelof Botha to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

The South Africans have insisted that internal political parties in Namibia be given equal standing in any negotiations on the territory's future with (SWAPO).

In a surprise move last week, Waldheim called a new parley on Namibia's future and set it for Nov. 12.

Ohio boarding house fire kills 14

PIONEER, Ohio Nov. 12 (AP)—A fire believed started by a 4-year-old boy has gutted a home for elderly and mentally retarded people here, killing at least 14 persons and leaving two missing, officials say.

Mayor Bruce Kidston said Sunday the victims, mostly in their 60s, were all badly burned.

Police chief David Norris said 13 of the dead were from the approximately 23, many of them mentally retarded who lived in the boarding home.

The 14th victim was Norris' mother-in-law and owner of the boarding house, Norris said she was 61 or 62. She had escaped the

fire but returned to the burning house, Norris said she was found at the bottom of the flight of stairs, her arm around a female patient she was trying to carry out.

The mayor said the blaze was started by a 4-year-old boy who set fire to a couch.

"He probably went over there and got breakfast," Kidston said. "Some patients probably left matches on the table. We know he set it. There's no doubt how it started."

Norris said the boy, who was not identified, was one of three children who lived with their mother in a separate apartment in the boarding house.

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The Bank of Lebanon, Beirut.

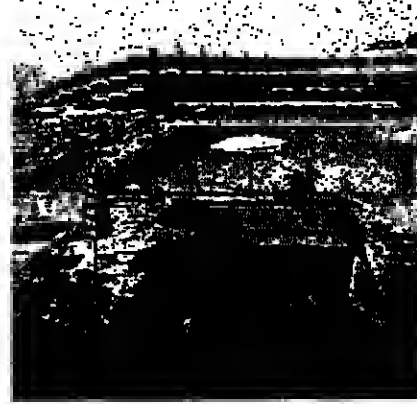
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oon, there will be a road...

Abdul Rahman of Baha Hall

By James Buchan and John Close

Forty miles north of Baha, the air begins in a shower of rain, laden's road, which at Taifings eastward through broad dis and hostile scrub, abandons, truant curve and returns to the arpent.



Across the frontier, Jebel Souda near Abha is celebrated enough at 10,279 feet: Prince Sultan is building a pleasure nearby. Northward again, and clearly visible from the road, is an elevation of 10,340 feet, a danger to pilots, one U.S. agency warns. This nameless hill can, and should, be climbed from the stations of Dahwa or An Nimas.

The land of the Ghams and the Zahran cannot offer such leviathans. Mr. Leach and Herr

Khawajati, curves seductively over the soft sandhills. It is beautiful in spring when murders of bedu women can be seen harvesting hay or at the Pilgrimage, when trains of camels plod uncomplainingly toward Mina and the Knife.

Europeans, barred from seeing the Holy City, have the consolation that they are at least going the pretty way. The tiny airline advertisements along the road entice the foreigner away from the sanctum sanctorum, just over the black

melancholy that is the curse of baboons and men, alone of the primates.

Tuif, too, is a sad place. The Brothers broke it as a child breaks a next-door neighbor's toy; it has not worked properly since.

The wadis that feed Turaba beyond Taif are fine enough but the traveller to the south has mighty Bisha, Tathlith and Najran before him, as well as countless smaller wadis, wolf-prowled, shrike-infested.

It is at Baha that the promise of the Khatt Al-Khawajati and the baboons is fulfilled.

The town is as ugly as any in the Kingdom, a bloated village with transmission and feeder lines chasing each other up and down hills, great grey blockhouses for the Baha burghers and Yemenis noisily bogging tire repairs on the roadside.

But in the west, the east-facing slopes are cloaked with enticing green. At the end of the causeway that leads into Baha, turn sharply right onto a bridge and cross the little wadi where taxis and pickups go to die. Turn right again at the end of the bridge and keep left for about four miles, as the road snakes among brightly colored farmhouses, and you will arrive at the green, the famous, juniper groves of Rughdan.

The place is a favorite picnic spot. The view is without compare as the scarp plummets down to its first Tihama, the bed of Wadi Sud Arrash. Townees park their shooting brakes in little clearings and family disport themselves modestly behind sapling screens. The thin air is heavy with the scent of burning juniper and (can it be?) mutton boiling.

Farther up the slope, the juniper groves are less popular and more dwarfish. To camp there is to feel like Gulliver or, at moments, like his captors in the undergrowth of a world suddenly writ large.

It is cold, always. At its two great festivals, the Muslim calendar provides a comforting moon and Orion soon comes storming up over Baha. Wild dogs glide in and out of pools of moonlight but they make no more sound than the wraiths that haunt forgotten campsites.

The engineers of Taiwan Power have built a road over the saddle to bring the blessing of electricity to Gurra, a hamlet of jumbled houses and winter wheatfields, arranged and painted with an instinctive flair unknown in the plains. Beyond, the road moves smoothly down to the heat of the Tihama.

We selected, instead, a tiny path along a ridge to the south, steep and arduous and ill-frequented as the road to Paradise—or, at least, to what looked like a terraced village half-a-day's walk away.

The little trail beetles for almost a day above Arrash, for it is very easy to lose and harder to find again. It climbs up and down between junipers and solid mountain ash, olive trees, wild figs and azalea-like shrubs. Hoopoes, crag martins and wheatears flit in and out of the shade; huzzards stalk the thermals. The rain has brought out small pinks and a neat violet, as well as large numbers of rather depressing millipedes.

As it turns out, the village is not a village but the plantation of that Hatem of the Bilad Zahran, Abdul Rahman Al-Zahrani and his father and his brothers, and his cousins, and his uncles. Established for two generations on their cliff, the family has grown to village proportions. Despite the thick walls of the message, the



That Hatem of the Bilad Zahran

noise of 120 sheep and lambs, two cows, two donkeys, three dogs, women, "about 13 to 15 children," chickens and crows, might have been heard in Baha. The air is heavy with the scent of growing things like the fertilized fields of Amish farms in a Lancaster County spring.

After 10 years of driving trucks in Jeddah, Riyadh and for Aramco, Abdul Rahman has come home. He drives a bulldozer

have here." Or, though he does not say it, your children to the vast Prince Fahd Hospital, squatting on a hill to the north.

"No road: no electricity," the blond Irishmen and diligent Chinese had said and Abdul Rahman wants light and air conditioning. Staring out through the marvellously carved window at a sun turning to ghee in Wadi Dugha, feeling the wind from the Tihama, he is content awhile with kondishun



Massive pillars of juniper

the leather belts that suspend the jambiyas from the roof-tree.

On the morrow, Abdul Rahman takes us beyond a ruined watchtower to the highest point in Zahran country. He points to the tower, now razed. None has been built since Faisal's expedition in 1934. "When news came of the enemy all the family would go into the hush. If they attacked the farm or the ghanam, the menfolk would fall on them from behind. If they

"King Khaled," he says, propos of nothing in particular.

He is happy for his lambs, but sad for his visitors, that above the wheeling huzzards there is no eagle.

Suddenly the lambs and the fieldglasses are clues to the second voice. As he steps out to silhouette himself against the crags and clear sky, someone else, someone also of a land of sheep and hills, almost visible.



"The men would climb to the top and shoot from the slits with their banduqs and kill them all"

for the Ministry of Communications in Baha. Conveniently, he is now bulldozing a motor road to his mountain retreat.

Ensnared in his mufraj, with sacrifice meat and a Beretta shotgun dangling from the juniper roof-tree, Abdul Rahman has no time for those who think it is rather nice as it is. "I think you would change your view if you had to take your ghanam along the path to Baha, your winter wheat and sorghum, plums, tomatoes, olive oil, asparagus—all that we

min ulah.

The room is curious. The roof-tree is supported by two massive pillars, made from whole juniper trunks, stained and intricately worked with horizontal bands of rosettes and vine leaves. Before the high ceiling, they branch out into bulbous capitals like inverted women's shoulders. The doors and windows have similar carving.

Do they have this work in Baha? "They prefer concrete there which is more solid and does not rot." It is Zahran work, like

attacked the hush, the men would climb to the top and shoot from the slits with their handuqs and kill them all."

He seems to be speaking with two voices; the one's identity obvious, the other's fleeting.

Clear is the voice of the Saudi Press Agency stringer, regular and detailed: there is the hospital with its 360 korsi; there is the power house and its SR500 million; there is the path that an Englishman mapped down the scarp to take the Tihama Descent from Baha.

"Here is Arrash," he says with sweep of his arm, "with Mikha beyond in the distance. That hill to the west is Shadda, with orange trees and bananas. The white spot to the south is Bilgish and the end of our country and the beginning of the Bilad Ghams."

And we know it at last. It is the voice of the Laird of Loughlinter. "Can you see Wadi Dugha to the west and the wadi that runs down toward it from our lower terraces?"

It is Wadi Sud Abdul Rahman

prosperous hut timorous villages. To the right of the road, the scarp falls precipitously into the Tihama, loses 4,000 feet in a mile, then recovers magnificently in an almost sheer pre-Cambrian wall, a rafter of rock, before dropping down again to the next wadi. A few miles to the west, the scene is repeated until the whole jumble of rock and wadi is lost in the gloaming.

The mountains block out Qun'udha and the sea and yet nothing is achieved above 8,500 feet.

Between Sanaa and Manakha in Yemen, the tiny shrine of Nabi Shuaib peers heavenward from 11,880 feet. Mr. Leach has climbed the mountain's difficult north-western face in five hours. Herr von Daum in six.

The Al-Zahrani plantation

von Daum would scarcely tarry here. Yet, these hills are worth hurrying on to from Jeddah for they are as handsome as anything between Tigre and the Elburz and

crags, with rusty visions of his own world—Rome, Athens, New York.

At the scarp below Hada, the Westerner may fall into a pelting

The traveler to the south has mighty Bisha, Tathlith and Najran before him, as well as countless smaller wadis, wolf-prowled, shrike-infested.

the people of the Zahran, though they claim no special favor, are more gentle than the men of those regions.

Leaving Jeddah, the road that bypasses Mecca, the Khatt Al-

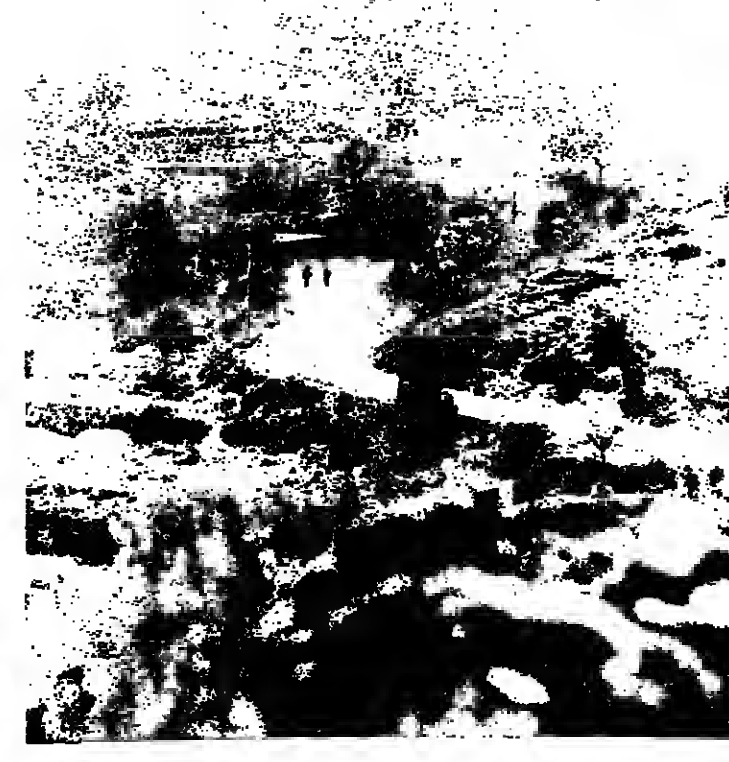
match with four or five dozen shrieking baboons. Such intra-specific warfare would have intrigued the great Lorenz. Or coming at nightfall, they may see the pack perched in utter silence, watching the light vanish in that



The hills are as handsome as anything between Tigre and the Elburz



The trail, with Baha in the distance



An instinctive flair, unknown in the plains

Gold prices rise

Dollar reaches high against Japanese yen

LONDON, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — The U.S. dollar closed at a two-year high against the Japanese yen in Tokyo Monday and then opened mixed in early trading on European foreign exchanges.

Gold bullion was up 3 to 5 1/2 an ounce.

In Tokyo, where trading ends just as European markets open, the dollar closed at a two-year high of 247.25 yen, up more than 5 yen from Friday's closing 242.10.

The Bank of Japan, which sold more than \$1 billion last week to stem the yen's slide, Monday sold

OPEC panel meets to set pricing plan

VIENNA, Nov. 12 (RI) — Senior officials from oil-exporting nations met Monday to discuss a 1980 pricing strategy for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

OPEC spokesman Hamid Zaheri said all 13 member governments were represented at the meeting of the OPEC Economic Commission, and that all questions relating to the economics of oil would be discussed.

The economic commission, meeting in private at OPEC's Vienna headquarters, will prepare a report for a price-fixing conference of oil ministers, to be held in Caracas Dec. 17.

The oil ministers are expected to announce a rise in OPEC crude oil prices effective Jan. 1, 1980.

between \$25 (and \$30) million in stages, dealers said.

Market apprehension over oil supplies following uncertainty over the situation in Iran helped to act against the Japanese currency, dealers added.

Japan, which imports nearly all of its oil needs, buys about 1.3 per cent of its crude from Iran.

A government announcement that Japan's certified exports in October rose 16.7 per cent to \$9.62 billion from a year earlier helped to ease the dollar just before the close.

But foreign banks, which initially sold dollars, later bought them back, helping to force up the American currency.

Just over a year ago, the dollar slipped in Tokyo to a record low of 175.50 yen because of Japan's then large trade surplus.

The international trade and industry ministry said that certified exports, approved by the government and expected to pass customs during the next two months, also rose by five per cent in October from \$9.16 billion in September.

Mid-morning rates in Europe, compared to Friday's late rates: Frankfurt — 1,794.0 West German marks, down from 1,794.5.

Zurich — 1,651.5 Swiss francs, up from 1,649.8.

Paris — 4,204.3 French francs, down from 4,208.0.

Amsterdam — 1,994.5 Dutch guilders, up from 1,994.0.

Milan — 830.20 Italian lire, up from 830.00.

In London, the British pound firmed to \$2.1045 from 2.0915 Friday.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 P.M. Monday

| | SAMA | Cash | Transfer |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| U.S. Dollar | 3.37 | 3.38 | 3.375 |
| Pound Sterling | 7.04 | 7.12 | 7.10 |
| Deutsche Mark (100) | 188.00 | 189.00 | 188.10 |
| Swiss F (100) | 204.00 | 205.00 | 203.00 |
| French F (100) | 80.00 | 80.50 | 80.50 |
| Italian Lira (10,000) | 41.00 | 41.00 | 41.00 |
| Lebanese Lira (100) | 100.50 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Syrian Lira (100) | 78.00 | 86.80 | 86.80 |
| Egyptian Pound | 4.55 | 4.52 | 4.52 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | 12.10 | 12.05 | 12.05 |
| Jordanian Dinar | 11.25 | 11.20 | 11.20 |
| Emirates Dirham (100) | 89.50 | 89.50 | 89.50 |
| Qatari Riyal (100) | 90.80 | 90.80 | 90.80 |
| Bahraini Dinar | 8.95 | 8.95 | 8.95 |
| Iranian Riyal (100) | — | — | — |
| Iraqi Dinar (100) | 9.40 | — | — |
| Yemeni Riyal (100) | 75.00 | 74.15 | 74.15 |
| Moroccan Dirham (100) | 80.00 | 88.80 | 88.80 |
| Indian Rupee (100) | — | 41.20 | 41.20 |
| Pakistani Rupee (100) | — | 34.30 | 34.30 |
| Gold kg. | 42,900.00 | — | — |
| 10 Tolas bar | 4,990.00 | — | — |
| Silver kg. | — | — | — |
| Japanese Yen (1,000) | 13.90 | — | 14.50 |
| Canadian Dollar | 2.84 | 3.00 | — |
| Belgian Franc (1,000) | 116.00 | 112.00 | — |
| Dutch Guilder (1,000) | 169.00 | 170.00 | 170.00 |
| Spanish Peso | 51.75 | 51.50 | — |
| Greek Drachma (1,000) | 79.00 | — | — |
| Philippines Peso (1,000) | — | 46.00 | — |
| Singapore | — | 1.57 | — |

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 12TH NOVEMBER 1979, 22ND DHUL HJJAH, 1399

| Berth | Vessel | Agent | Cargo | Arrival |
|-------|------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| 4. | Barcelona Maru | A.E.T. | Cnd. goods/Steel Gen | 10.11.79 |
| 5. | Dona Katerina | Alpha | Bgd. Barley | 5.11.79 |
| 6. | Regent Liberty | O. Trade | Sorghum/Timber Gen. | 12.11.79 |
| 7. | Bordagan | Barber | Pipes/Wood Gen. | 11.11.79 |
| 8. | Charly | Alpha | Bgd. Barley | 8.11.79 |
| 9. | Red Sea | Star | Dumal/Ldg. Cars | 10.11.79 |
| 10. | Express | Star | Bananas | 10.11.79 |
| 11. | Universal | Star | Steel General | 12.11.79 |
| 12. | Nedlloyd | Wasserk | — | — |
| 13. | Atlantic Freeder | O.C.E. | Proz. Childrens | 1.11.79 |
| 14. | Ever Harvest | A.S.A.B. | Containers | 12.11.79 |
| 15. | Anemios | M.T.A. | Containers | 11.11.79 |
| 16. | Ionian Carrier | Rolaco | Bulk Cement | 7.11.79 |
| 17. | Concor | Star | Asbestos/Wire Gen | 10.11.79 |
| 18. | Pioneer Racer | Alireza | Vehicles | 11.11.79 |
| 19. | Al Mona | O. Trade | Timber/Timber | 10.11.79 |
| 20. | Ville D'Amers | M.T.A. | Containers | 11.11.79 |
| 21. | Nedlloyd | Alireza | Containers | 12.11.79 |
| 22. | Rosario | Alireza | Reefers/General | 10.11.79 |
| 23. | Rio Igazu | Alpha | Bgd. Barley | 10.11.79 |
| 24. | Calliope | Barber | Dumal/Dani seed | 8.11.79 |
| 25. | Coast | Barber | Wheat/Sorghum | 5.11.79 |
| 26. | Holy Star | O.C.E. | Fruit | 5.11.79 |
| 27. | Samos Sea | — | — | — |

No Ro: Norwegian Crusader Sarnaco Crises/Trio Ro 12.11.79

2. RECENT ARRIVALS:

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|--------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| Regent Liberty | O. Trade | Sorghum/Timber Gen. | 12.11.79 |
| Bordagan | Barber | Pipes/Wood Gen. | 11.11.79 |
| Nedlloyd | Barber | Steel General | 12.11.79 |
| Wasserk | — | — | — |
| Ever Harvest | A.S.A.B. | Containers | 12.11.79 |
| Anemios | M.T.A. | Containers | 11.11.79 |
| Pioneer Racer | Alireza | Vehicles | 11.11.79 |
| Ville D'Amers | M.T.A. | Containers | 11.11.79 |
| Nedlloyd Rosario | Alireza | Containers | 12.11.79 |
| Norwegian Crusader | Sarnaco | Crises/Trio Ro | 12.11.79 |
| Dona Katerina | O.C.E. | Reefers | 12.11.79 |
| Deborah | Awani | Grain Gen. | 11.11.79 |

KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT, DAMMAM SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO THE 0700 HOURS ON 22.12.1399/12.11.1979 — CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS.

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|-----|----------------|---------|-------------------|----------|
| 1. | Nafopora | Kanoo | Bulk Wheat | 10.11.79 |
| 2. | Mohabuk | Soobha | General | 11.11.79 |
| 3. | Tiru | Kanoo | General | 11.11.79 |
| 4. | Taan | Gulf | GenSteel | 10.11.79 |
| 5. | Kola Timur | Gulf | Loading Ura | 11.11.79 |
| 6. | Green Island | U.E.P. | General | 11.11.79 |
| 7. | Kao Chang | Gosabli | General/Container | 10.11.79 |
| 8. | Ibn Tufail | Kanoo | General | 10.11.79 |
| 9. | New Bright | Gosabli | Cement in Bags | 4.11.79 |
| 10. | Polinfield.B.I | Barber | Bulk Cement | 9.11.79 |
| 11. | Addiyah | Kanoo | Containers | 12.11.79 |
| 12. | Wajj Maru | Gulf | Containers | 11.11.79 |
| 13. | Hajj Maru | Gulf | Cars | 11.11.79 |
| 14. | Pearl Flag | S.M.C. | Cement Silo VSL | 1.11.79 |



BOAT SHOW: The London harbor acquired the appearance of a fishing village when a boat show was held there this year. Scores of fishing boat packed the harbor.

By new minister

Iran urged not to link oil, Shah

BEIRUT, Nov. 12 (RI) — Iran's new foreign minister, Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, has been quoted as saying that his country should reserve the oil weapon for more important things than securing the return of the deposed Shah to Tehran.

Bani-Sadr was interviewed in Paris last week shortly before his appointment by the Lebanese weekly news digest, *An Nahar*.

Arab Report and Memo, before the government of former Premier Mehdi Bazargan resigned. But the magazine said Sunday he spoke as a close economic adviser to Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Asked if Iran was prepared to stop oil exports to the United States if the Shah was not extradited, Bani-Sadr was quoted as saying "I don't think so. It is not on a question like this that we will decide to interrupt our oil exports to the U.S. We must keep the oil weapon for more important cases."

He did not say what he considered to be a more important case. Bani-Sadr was appointed foreign minister Friday. Saturday night he appealed to the American people to support Iranian demands for the extradition of the Shah, a move sought by students who have been holding 100 hostages at the U.S. embassy in Tehran for a week.

The magazine quoted Bani-Sadr as saying he believed that Iran should put up its oil prices before the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meets next month in Caracas.

Iran recently raised the price of its oil to \$23.50 per barrel, the OPEC ceiling price.

Qatar oil output, exports increase

DOHA, Nov. 12 (AP) — Qatar's oil production increased by four per cent and its oil exports by 13.5 per cent in October compared to the previous month, the official Gulf News Agency reported Monday.

Lashes at concerned ministries

Pravda rings energy crunch alarms

MOSCOW, Nov. 12 (RI) — The Soviet Communist Party daily *Pravda* Monday called for strict fuel savings and fresh efforts to boost sagging production of oil and coal.

The daily, in an unusually frank front-page editorial stopped short of using the phrase "energy crisis" but left little doubt that the Soviet energy position was causing serious concern as winter approached.

Pravda said the overall situation was unsatisfactory and blamed the coal and oil ministries for serious mistakes in planning and managing production and controlling capital investment.

The editorial singled out the mines of the Kuzbass and Kuragunda regions and the important oil-producing area of Tyumen

in West Siberia for falling short of production targets.

It also criticized engineering ministries for late deliveries of vital equipment and the railways for delays in transport.

"The well-known shortage of oil and coal requires the strictest economy measures," *Pravda* said, emphasizing the need to save fuel in the thermal power stations, which burn half the country's energy.

The editorial followed widespread energy shortages last winter which slowed down the economy and made it virtually impossible to meet this year's targets.

Last year the Kremlin planned for 5.7 per cent industrial growth in 1979, but for the first nine

months of the year only 3.4 per cent was achieved.

In some sectors, such as coal mining, production actually fell between the first and third quarters of the year. Agricultural production, which accounts for about one fifth of the Soviet national product, is also likely to show poor results this year because of a big fall in the grain harvest.

Bulgaria increases prices

SOFIA, Nov. 12 (AP) — Bulgaria has announced sweeping price increases for foods and most other essential goods and services, effective on Monday.

The Bulgarian news agency

BTA Sunday listed a number of wholesale and retail prices for most basic foodstuff but failed to give comparative figures or percentage increase.

It said the new prices were approved and decreed jointly by the Central Committee of the ruling Communist Party and the government.

According to BTA, they appeared to be partly offset by higher wages and salaries and stepped-up social benefits.

New wholesale prices were announced for industrial products, transportation, farm produce and the building trade as well as for other commercial operations, but no details were given.

By U.S. chemist

Tree sap seen as fuel source

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 — For thousands of years, man has relied on the wood from trees as an important energy source.

But now, thanks to the research of a Nobel prize-winning chemist, scientists are considering the prospect of milking trees for fuel rather than burning them.

Professor Melvin Calvin of the University of California at Berkeley recently returned from Brazil with the startling news that he had discovered a tree in the jungle that produces virtually pure diesel fuel.

The tree, known to botanists as *Copaifera langsdorffii*, contains a sap composed of hydrocarbons that can be placed directly into the fuel tank of a diesel-engine car, Calvin told a meeting of the American Chemical Society.

This was Calvin's second discovery of hydrocarbon-bearing plant-life. In 1976, the Nobel laureate discovered what are now popularly known as "petroleum

plants," several members of the genus *Euphorbia* that produce substantial quantities of a milky emulsion quite similar to naphtha.

Naphtha is a high-quality petroleum fraction that is one of the chief raw materials used in the chemical industry.

The discovery of the "petroleum plant" raises tantalizing questions about the potential use of these fuel sources to help solve the world's energy crisis.

Speaking before the American

Chemical Society, Calvin said the Brazilian Indians have long known about — and utilized — the sap of the diesel tree.

The Indians drill a 5-centimeter hole in the tree's 1-meter thick trunk, and then plug the hole with a stopper, he said.

Every six months, they remove the plug and collect 15 to 20 liters of the hydrocarbon. The Indians do not use the sap as fuel; instead it serves as an emollient, and has several other non-energy-related uses.

With help of Exxon

Egypt to explore for oil

CAIRO, Nov. 12 (AP) — Exxon has been selected to explore for oil in a 63-square-kilometer area in the Suez Gulf south of the Morgan oil fields, the daily *Al-Ahram* reported Monday.

Quoting what was described as an official source at the government-owned Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC),

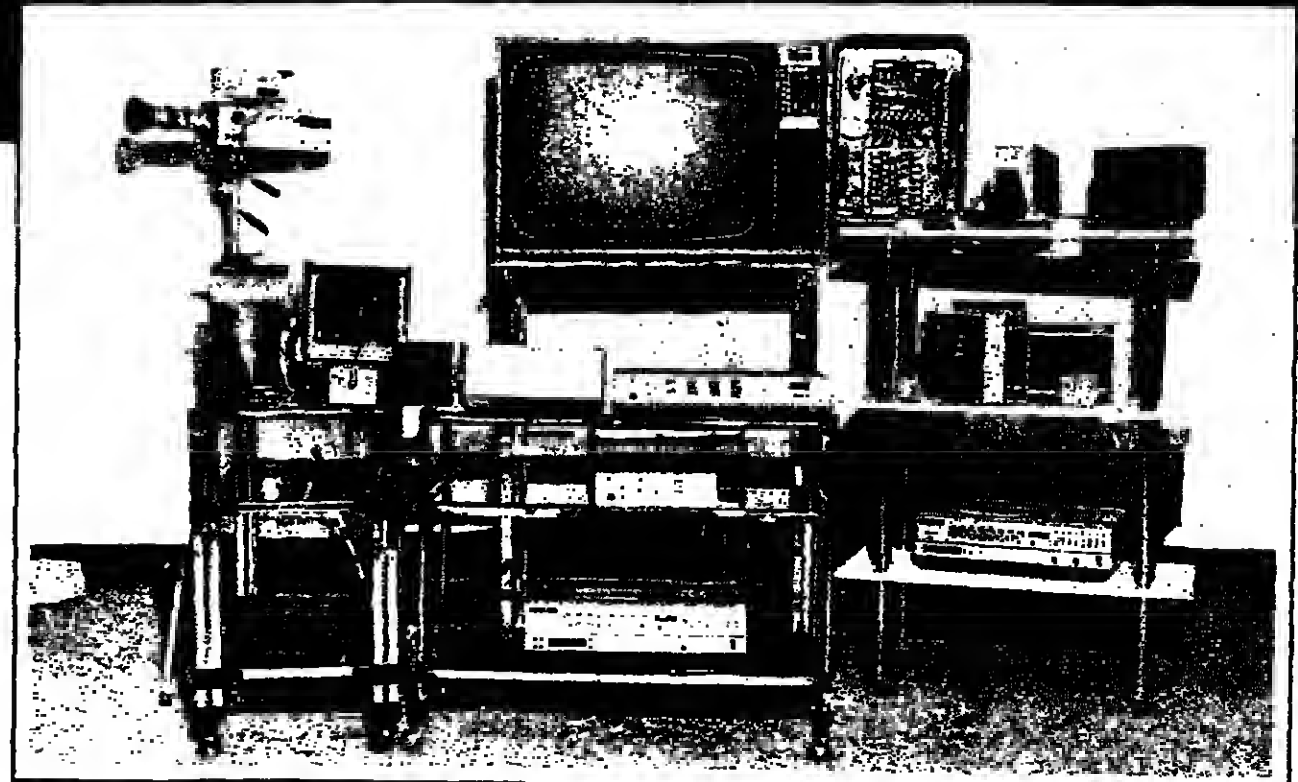
Al-Ahram said an agreement with the U.S. firm is expected to be signed before the end of this month.

The paper said terms of the planned agreement call for Exxon to spend \$33 million over four years in search for oil.

It said Egypt's share of the produced oil, if found, would amount to 85 per cent.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

| Authority | Description | No. of Tender | Price SR | Closing date |
|------------------------|--|---------------|----------|--------------|
| Municipality of Medina | Making of concrete places for the drinking trough of trees on Arwah Abbar Ali road | 200 | 200 | Nov. 20 |
| " " " | Supply of two trucks for the transportation of meat | 50 | 50 | Nov. 20 |
| Ministry of Health | Sanitation of city hospitals: King's Hospital, Maternity Hospital, Psychological Diseases Hospital, Fever Hospital, Eye Hospital and Chest Diseases Hospital | 531 | 50 | Nov. 19 |
| Saudi Arabian Airlines | Printing of the 1979 Annual Report | 28/79 | 20 | Nov. 18 |
| " " " | Cleaning of aircraft at the Jizan airport | 27/79 | 20 | Nov. 12 |

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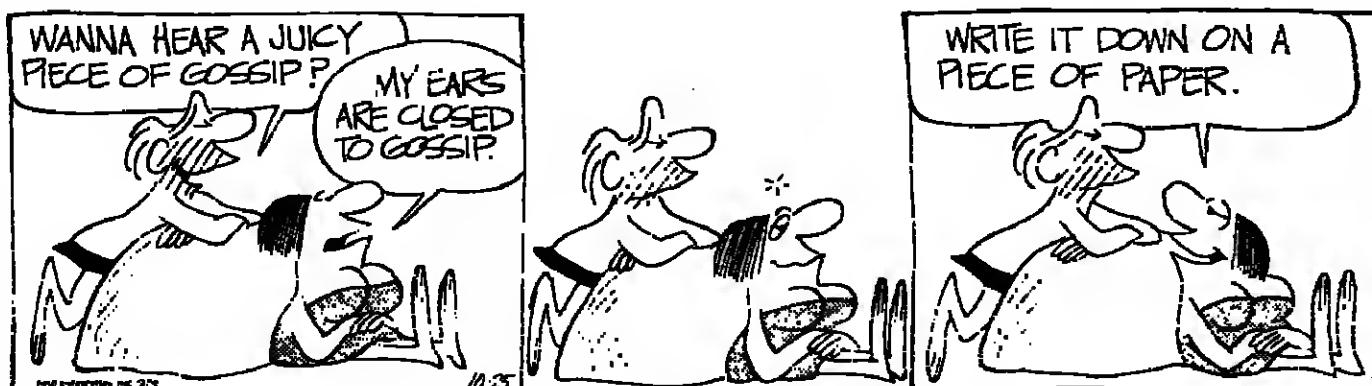
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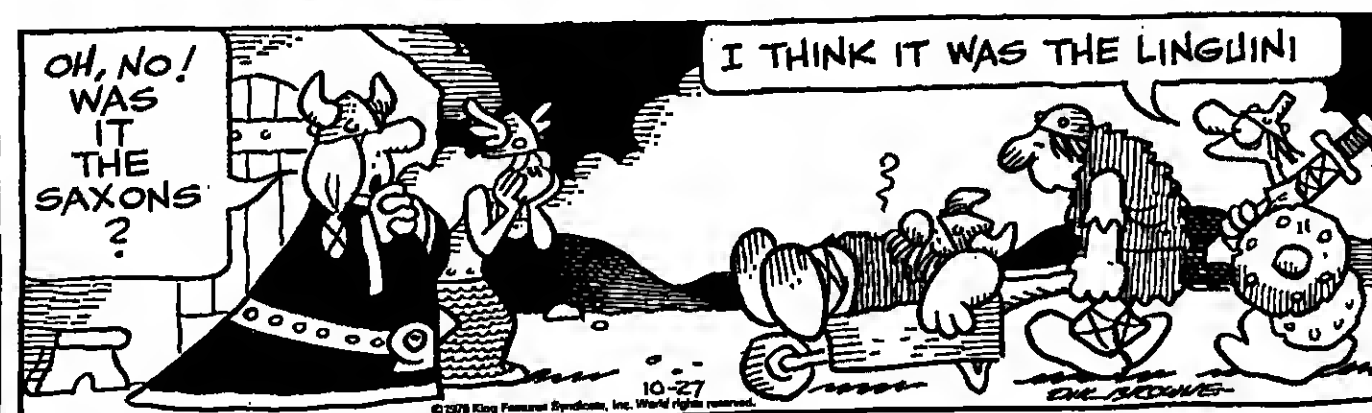
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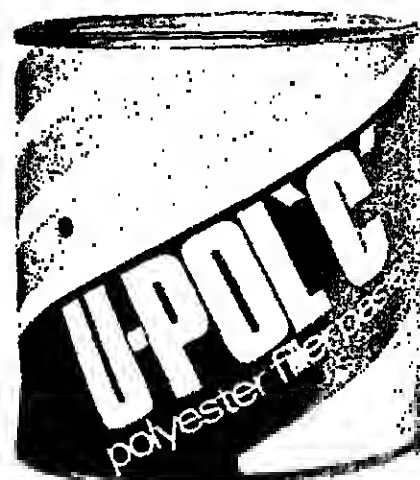
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'Sovereignty-Association' plan stirs debate

Levesque heads Quebec on a collision course with Canada

By John Rogers

QUEBEC CITY, Nov. 12 (R) — It's a bit like a couple who get divorced but keep their joint bank account.

"Sovereignty-Association" is what Premier Rene Levesque calls his formulas for the future political status of Quebec, Canada's mainly French speaking, second-largest province.

The sovereignty half of the ungainly phrase means what it says — political independence from Canada.

In economic and monetary "association" with Canada, Quebec would continue to enjoy economic benefits in a "new partnership between equals," says a special document released here, defining Sovereignty-Association for the first time.

The tough, chain-smoking Levesque unveiled the white paper promising a "new deal" for Quebec's 6.3 million people through Sovereignty-Association to a chorus of cheers from his supporters and boos from other Canadians.

Federal Prime Minister Joe Clark said it was unacceptable. The premiers of five other Canadian provinces also rejected it, and Quebec opposition leader Claude Ryan predicted it would collapse like a house of cards. Sovereignty-Association will be put to Quebec's voters in a referendum next May or June. Levesque will be seeking a mandate — through a question to be announced next month — to negotiate its implementation with the federal government in Ottawa.

The definition of the term in the 118-page white paper, three years after Levesque's nationalist Parti Quebecois swept to power here, contained no surprises.

But it put Canada on notice that the "Quebec problem," part of Canadian politics since the British captured this capital city in 1759, is about to come to another climax — and one which could, eventually, split the country.

Levesque hopes the referendum will be the



Joe Clark



Rene Levesque



Pierre Trudeau

final "great crossroads" for Quebec, and its launching pad as a sovereign state.

"We will not hesitate... to choose the only road that can open up the horizon and guarantee us a free, proud and adult national existence," he wrote in a special appeal, urging Quebecers to vote "yes" in the referendum.

"Sovereignty will give free rein to Quebec initiative on all fronts, both now and in the future," he said. "Association will allow us to keep in common everything that is mutually advantageous."

The only problem, his political enemies immediately retorted, was that Levesque's formula would mean splitting up Canada. Others accused him of wanting the impossible, of trying to have his cake and eat it.

Ryan and several other critics said sovereignty was all that would be achieved, and association would prove impossible to negotiate.

The Quebec Liberal Party chief accused the premier of slanted reasoning in the white paper and of looking at the problems of Quebec exclusively from the viewpoint of the majority — Quebecers of French origin — while ignoring the hundreds of thousands

with English or other backgrounds.

Levesque was also accused of putting a gloss on the issue to allay some Quebecers' fears of independence.

In the white paper, he said a sovereign Quebec would be "a pivot, rather than a barrier" between the Atlantic provinces and the powerful province of Ontario.

But most non-Quebecers fear that the reality, if Sovereignty-Association is achieved, will be the truncation and weakening of Canada, with no guarantee of a bright future for Quebec.

Levesque expects a close result in the referendum.

Public opinion polls have indicated that he might win approval for a question seeking a negotiating mandate, but would not do so if he asked for anything else — especially outright independence, which only nine per cent of Quebecers preferred in a recent poll.

The premier insists that negotiation is the only way he will try in order to achieve Sovereignty-Association. Its main elements could be settled within two years, he reckons.

"Any unilateral declaration of sovereignty immediately after the referendum is completely out of the question," the white paper

says. A major problem for Levesque is the flat refusal of some provincial premiers to negotiate "association" with a sovereignty-minded Quebec. Their cooperation, or at least willingness to talk, would be vital.

Shortly after the white paper was released the most powerful five of the other nine provincial leaders declared themselves opposed to its proposals.

Among them was Premier William Davis of Ontario, who said Canada's largest province would not negotiate with Levesque because his policy was "the ultimate cop-out — a self-imposed ghetto mentality."

"It would seriously disadvantage Quebecers economically and politically without even marginally contributing to greater cultural security."

A few days later, the premiers of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan — between them rich in oil, natural gas, timber and grain — also rejected the plan.

They said Sovereignty-Association was "neither in the economic interest of Western Canada nor in the broader interest of Canadians as a whole."

David has not said whether he will negoti-

ate with Levesque. But Premier Allan Blankeney of Saskatchewan said he and his Western colleagues will not attend any conference at which Quebec's Sovereignty-Association is the sole subject.

All five said they would be happy to work with Quebec for reforms in the present federal-provincial system, which some provinces feel leaves too much power in Ottawa's hands.

Their stand could hamper Levesque, whose government assumes, in the white paper, that "if the majority of Quebecers say yes in the referendum, Ottawa and the rest of Canada, though disappointed, will have no choice: they will negotiate."

Prime Minister Clark, favoring a low-key approach to strains between Ottawa and the provinces, has decided on non-intervention in Quebec.

He has flatly rejected the white paper's plan, but has otherwise refused to get directly involved in the Quebec referendum campaign — despite taunts from opposition leader Pierre Trudeau that he is making Canada a country of "10 provinces with a head waiter to take their orders."

Clark has simply stated his conviction that Quebecers will "support federalism" by denying Levesque a mandate.

The prime minister wants to avoid action that would make the Quebec referendum results seem too important.

"If the referendum carries, that could be seen as the end of the nation, which it won't be," he said last month. "If the referendum fails, that could be seen as the end of the issue, which it won't be."

Clark reckons strong provinces make a strong Canada, and says he is always ready to talk with provincial leaders.

But for Levesque there is no more hope of accommodation within the present system, dominated by English speaking Canadians.

The white paper says that past efforts at rearranging Canadian "federalism" have come to an impasse.

Chlorine spews from train crash

Canada gas leak prompts mass evacuation

MISSISSAUGA, Ontario, Nov. 12 (Agencies) — A pall of noxious smoke hung over this Toronto suburb Monday after a train derailment released deadly chlorine gas into the air and forced the biggest evacuation in Canadian history.

Nearly a quarter of a million people were ordered from their homes Sunday night after seven tanker cars carrying chlorine and other gases exploded in flames.

The fire was still threatening an eighth tanker loaded with liquid chlorine and firemen feared more explosions.

Authorities said the evacuation order might be widened to take in more areas if the eighth tanker went up.

Many of the 220,000 people evacuated from Mississauga, an industrial city on the fringes of Toronto, and adjacent Oakville spent the night on cots in schools and at a hastily assembled refugee camp set up at the Toronto International Center.

The evacuation directive, issued by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment also said several thousand residents of the Toronto suburb of Etobicoke were told to abandon their homes as shifting winds spread the smoke and fumes.

No deaths or injuries were reported as one of the biggest peace-time evacuations in history continued in this Ontario city 16 kilometers west of Toronto.

A civil engineer with the ministry said there was no immediate danger from the leakage of chlorine gas and the evacuations were a precautionary measure.

Police said most residents were going to homes of relatives in the Toronto area as fumes spread as far as 10 kilometers away from the site of the derailment.

High schools and shopping centers were opened to house evacuees who had nowhere else to go, including many of some 400 patients in the Mississauga General Hospital. Police, firemen and evacuees complained of nausea, headaches and watery eyes.

By late Sunday, seven tanker cars were still burning and police feared the fire might spread to a leaking 90-ton tanker filled with chlorine gas.

Ontario Attorney General Roy McMurtry told reporters, "there is no serious leak of chlorine."



DEADLY: Almost a quarter-million persons have been evacuated from the city of Mississauga, Canada, after a train wreck there touched off explosions and fires which released large clouds of deadly chlorine gas into the air.

Blasts China, West

Samrin claims Phnom Penh will take any food aid

TOKYO, Nov. 12 (R) — The leader of the Cambodian government was quoted Monday as saying his country is willing to receive relief supplies from anywhere, without political preconditions.

Heng Samrin, chairman of the Vietnam-backed People's Revolution Council, told a correspondent of the newspaper *Tokyo Shim-bun* it was totally groundless to say his government was not cooperating with the international relief effort.

He highly praised the aid he said had been supplied by Vietnam, the Soviet Union and other Communist countries, while adding relief from the Red Cross and private organ-

izations had been relatively small in amount. Vietnam, he said, had supplied 200,000 tons of food.

Samrin said that since his government took power in January after the ousting of the Chinese-backed Pol Pot administration, rice had been planted in about one quarter of Cambodia's farmland. The food crisis therefore would improve once the rice is harvested in two months, he said.

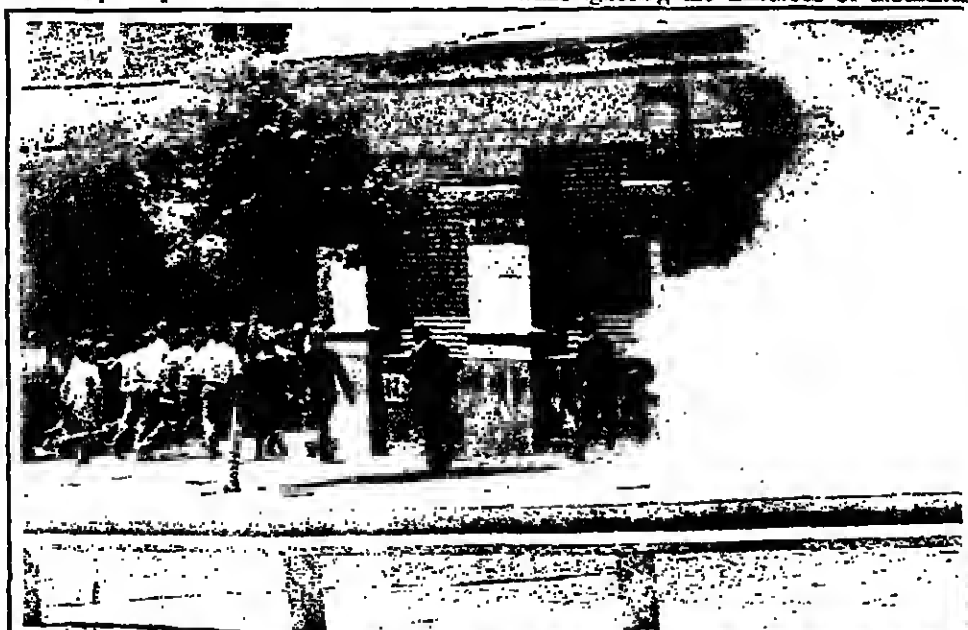
Samrin claimed his administration had achieved substantial progress for a country in which he alleged three million people had been killed by its former regime and which had been prostrated.

As an example, he pointed to the opening of 1,333 primary schools for 350,000 pupils.

While denouncing China as expansionist, he told *Tokyo Shim-bun* that Cambodia seeks peace, friendship and cooperation with all countries.

"We will not take up the recognition of the People's Republic of Kampuchea (Cambodia) as a precondition" to accepting aid from any quarter, Samrin said.

The Samrin administration has not been recognized in the United Nations, or by many countries. It is under attack by guerrilla forces loyal to Pol Pot and supported by China.



RIOTS: Officials in La Paz, Bolivia, believe 207 persons have been killed in fighting which followed the overthrow of the elected civilian government by Col. Alberto Natusch. Students are shown here running from Army-sprayed tear gas.

207 said killed

Natusch defends his coup

LA PAZ, Nov. 12 (AP) — Special services were being held Monday in La Paz churches for more than 200 persons reported killed in the bloody aftermath of a Nov. 1 coup by Colonel Alberto Natusch.

Natusch appeared at a news conference late Sunday night, but his answers to questions were mere restatements of his position — that his government is nationalist and leftist.

Until the time he declared himself president, Natusch was widely known in the Bolivian army as an anti-Communist. And several years ago he declared that he was to the right of General Hugo Banzer, a right-wing dictator who ruled Bolivia

from 1971 to 1978.

The Bolivian Human Rights Commission says that 207 persons were killed, 201 wounded and 211 have disappeared as a result of Natusch's troops shooting in La Paz.

The Natusch regime said it was trying to crush subversion by guerrillas linked to Cuba and that most of the people killed or wounded were shot by anti-Natusch snipers.

Since Saturday many stores have flown Bolivian flags with a black ribbon tied to the flagstaff to commemorate the people killed by Natusch's soldiers. Taxis and buses also had black ribbons tied to hood ornaments or aerials.

Seeks new constitution

Korea opposition hits martial law

SEOUL, Nov. 12 (R) — South Korean opposition leaders Monday called for an immediate end to martial law, a revised constitution and the resignation of Acting President Choi Kyu-hah.

In a statement issued to reporters, former President Yun Po-sun and former presidential candidate Kim Dae-jung denounced the government for betraying "the peoples' desire for democracy" following the murder of President Park Chung-hee two weeks ago.

The opposition leaders insisted that the government, which is taking measured steps towards liberalization after 18 years of increasingly authoritarian rule by Park, hold free elections as soon as possible. They also want the current restrictive constitution redrawn before an election.

South Korea's ruling Democratic Republican Party Monday named former Premier Kim Jong-pil as the new party president. Kim, a longtime ally of Park and former director of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, is regarded as a possible candidate

for president of the country.

On Saturday the martial law government announced that a new president would be named within three months under the current constitution, which places severe limits on political activity. The country's charter would then be revised.

Martial law, imposed after student riots erupted in the south last month and extended nationwide after Park's death, remains in effect but is barely visible on the surface. Aside from a handful of armed soldiers posted at major buildings, non-political life has returned to normal.

Opposition leader Kim Dae-jung has been denied almost all contact with the outside world at his closely guarded home and it was the 82-year-old Yung Po-sun who released the opposition statement to the press Monday.

In a display of national unity, the opposition has been relatively quiet since Park's death with many well known critics of his rule joining in the national mourning over his death.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Like many Arab journalists, I have been in and out of courts more times than I can remember. But unlike many, I have always succeeded in staying away from prison. Fines I have had to pay many times. Very high some of them, when the alternative was a term in jail. Once, found myself being photographed in front of the court building with Ghassan Tuen, owner-editor of one of the Arab world's greatest daily newspapers, *Al-Naba*, sharing with him the honor of appearing before the same military court.

Once I was on trial on very grave "national security" charges in Beirut. The trial went on and on — (the charges were too complicated for me to figure out, my lawyer was slugging it out valiantly with the military judges.) I thought: Jail it is. Far too serious for mere fines. But then suddenly the trial was off. Now it wasn't something official and above board like having the charges dropped or the case dismissed. Only I turned up one morning with my lawyer and we were told simply to go away. The lawyer was even more mystified than I was. But I advised against prying into the matter. "Just keep it quiet. You never know, the might change their minds if you ask." It was dear old Beirut...

The most important charge I had to face concerned a report we produced on a situation in South Lebanon. This was about seven years ago. The military investigator — a tough, surely customer who refused to allow me to stand during long hours of investigation — accused of everything barring high treason. Did I know, did I have any idea, what service had done the enemy by actually photographing and publishing pictures of a situation in the "restricted military area" in the South. In answer, I showed some photographs we considered "hot" to publish. Our reporters had actually been stopped by an Israeli patrol within the Lebanese borders. The cameraman had made a full record of the incident.

My point was that we have shown restraint in what we published. I wanted public attention directed to Israel's presence in the South without going out our way to embarrass Lebanese security forces. My defense was utterly rejected and I was sent to trial. I was duly fined the end, and severely warned to watch my step in the future.

This was seven years ago as I said. Before Israeli presence on Lebanese soil became an accepted norm. But now the South is no longer a "restricted area" it is open to all and sundry. So is the whole Lebanon.

Translated From Ashraf Al Awad.

Kennedy seen leading all U.S. politicians

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (R) — Sen. Edward Kennedy leads both Democratic and Republican contenders for the presidential election with 29 per cent of the vote, according to an ABC News poll released Sunday.

But more voters, 33 per cent, were undecided about how they would vote.

A telephone sample of 1,500 people around the country Nov. 3 and 4 ranked President Jimmy Carter behind Kennedy with per cent of the vote.

Republicans Ronald Reagan, Howard Baker, John Connally and Gerald Ford received respectively nine, four, three and three percentage points and Democrat Jeb Brown got one per cent.

The other Republicans in the race, Jol Anderson, George Bush and Phil Crut each received less than one per cent.

Meanwhile, in Washington, sources say that former President Richard M. Nixon, who is moving from California to New York, is studying "several" locations for a New York City office that could cost taxpayers \$100,000 to \$280,000 a year.

U.K. shows impatience as Front still adamant

LONDON, Nov. 12 (R) — After six weeks of wrangling, the Zimbabwe Rhodesia peace conference was Monday heading for climax with Britain growing increasingly impatient.

"There is very little room for maneuver and very little time left," a British spokesman told reporters.

British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, the conference chairman, has been waiting week to hear whether the Patriotic Front guerrillas accept his proposals for fresh elections and legal independence for the territory.

The guerrillas' opponents, the Salisbury administration of Premier Abel Muzorewa, have already accepted the plan and sent part of their delegation home to begin the election campaign.

The pressure on the front to come to terms built up over the weekend. One of their principal backers, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, said publicly that "a little more patience" might seal any agreement.